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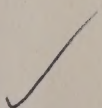
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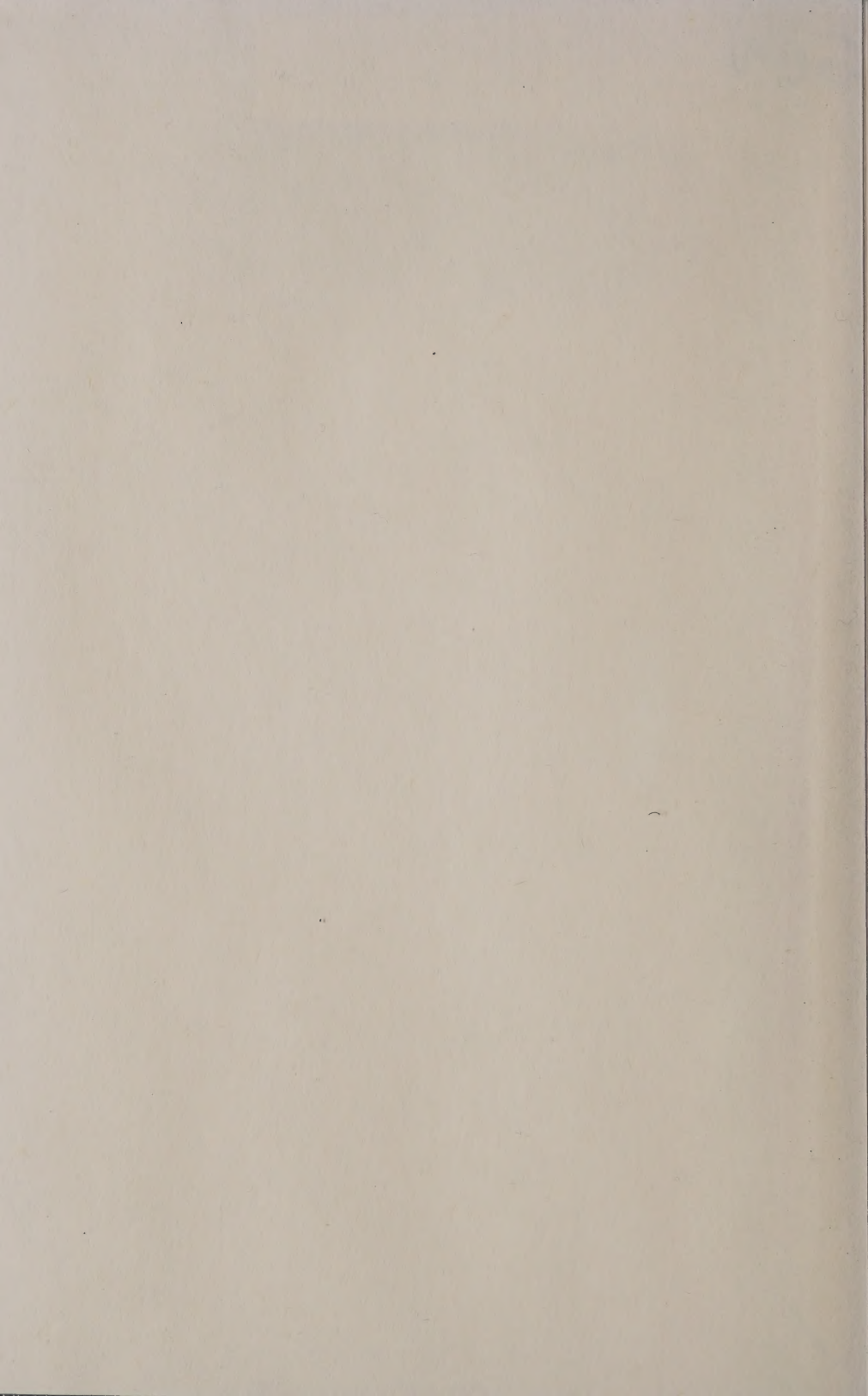
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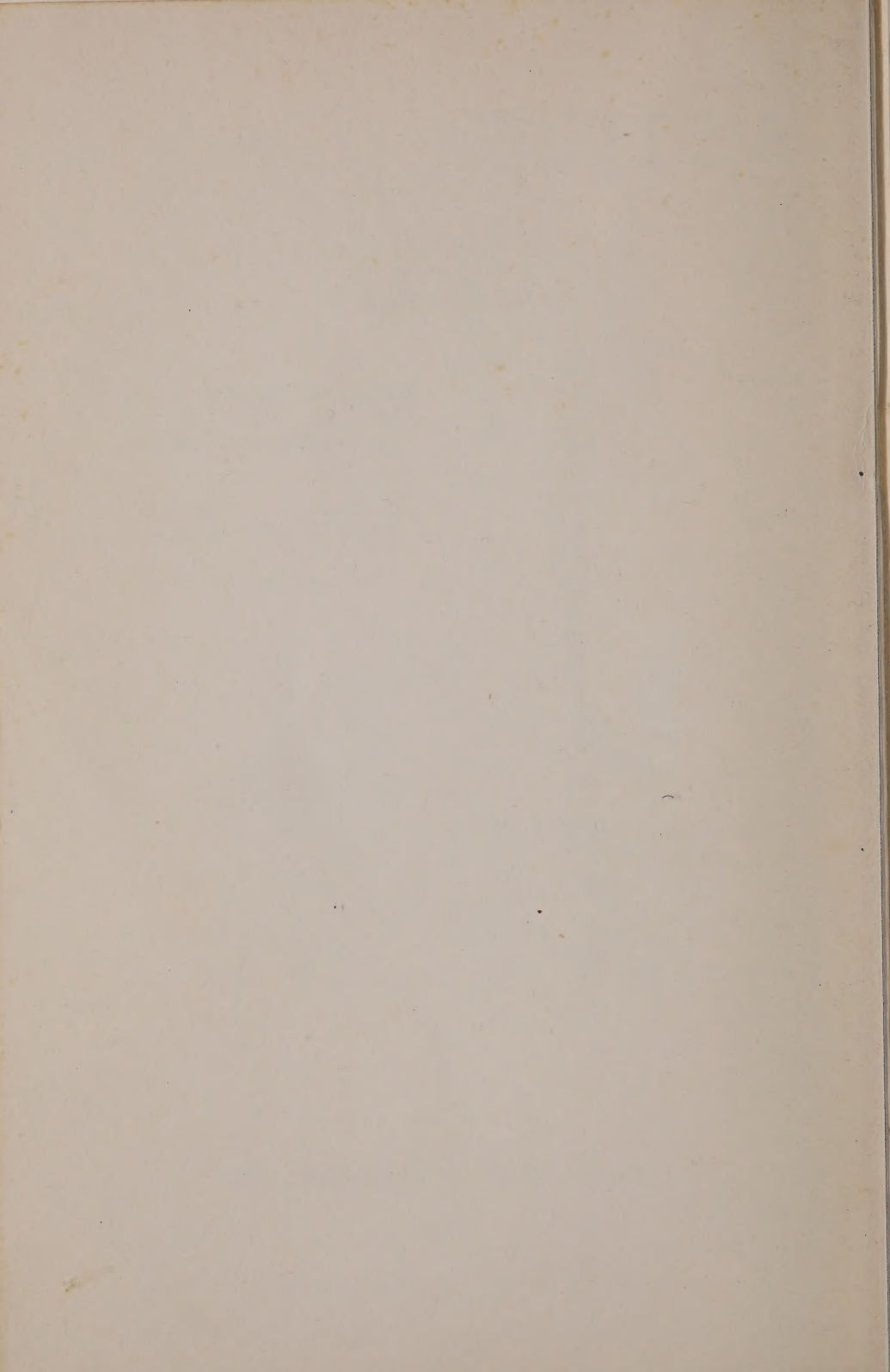
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## FOREWORD

THE history of the Atlanta Association of Baptist Churches is one in which all Christians everywhere can be proud. With an effective emphasis on evangelism, on missions at home and abroad, the Association has commanded attention from other Baptist groups and from other denominations. Its growth is without parallel.

Hence, it is a history that needed to be written. Pioneers in the organization of the Association needed to receive the tribute which would come from the record. Those of this generation needed to know the roots from which they grew as they point toward even greater achievements for the future.

There could be but one choice in the selection of an author. He is Louie D. Newton, able pastor of the Druid Hills Baptist Church and recognized as a world leader of Baptists. Additionally, he has distinguished himself as a writer and as a student of history.

Dr. Newton writes this history from both the record and from observation for, coming to Atlanta in 1920 as editor of *The Christian Index*, he has been a part of the history in 38 of its 50 years. We at *The Index* are proud, too, that Jack U. Harwell, our assistant editor, did the research.

John J. Hurt, Editor  
*The Christian Index*

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## Acknowledgments

WHEN asked by the Fiftieth Anniversary Committee to do this brief history of our beloved Atlanta Association of Baptist Churches, I hesitated to undertake the task, remembering that I was already committed to a full summer's program; but when Dr. John Hurt agreed for me to invite Mr. Jack Harwell to join me in the assignment, and Mr. Harwell accepted, I felt better about the outcome. I am grateful for this opportunity to discover in Mr. Harwell a young man of real ability and dedicated talents. We are, indeed, fortunate in the editorial team of Hurt and Harwell.

Also, I must acknowledge the generous and gracious cooperation of Brother Nolan and his Committee on the Fiftieth Anniversary, and the constant cooperation of Dr. J. L. Baggott, Mr. Milton Holcombe, Mrs. John L. Priest, and numerous other friends in assembling and certifying the varied data for this brief history.

One of the most rewarding experiences of this delightful assignment was getting to know Mr. George Longino, Mr. Bradley Porter, Mr. Floyd Morris, and the other fine people at the Longino and Porter printing establishment in Hapeville.

Thanks to all who have cooperated in this undertaking. I wish I might record all their names.

And now may I be permitted to suggest a dedication of this little book:

*In Grateful Acknowledgment  
of the Courageous, Faithful, Devoted  
Men, Women and Young People  
Who have built the Baptist Life  
of Metropolitan Atlanta in These  
Fifty Golden Years*

And the fervent prayer that we, on this historic occasion, may covenant one with another to serve our day and generation, as did they, for Christ's sake.

The Author.



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## IN THE BEGINNING

1909

Two hundred and two years after the first Baptist District Association was organized in the Western Hemisphere—the Philadelphia Baptist Association, 1707 — the Atlanta Association of Baptist Churches was organized, November 9, 1909, in the First Baptist Church, Atlanta, at that time located on the southeast corner of Peachtree and Cain Streets.

How did the Atlanta Association of Baptist Churches come into being? "In the beginning," a resolution was offered in the Stone Mountain Baptist Association, meeting in the Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta, September 8-9, 1908, by the Moderator, Rev. I. G. Walker, at that time pastor of the Indian Creek and Rockdale Churches in the Stone Mountain Association, as follows:

"That the question of a division of the Stone Mountain Baptist Association into two Associations be submitted to the churches, and that a committee of six be appointed to canvass the matter and report to the next session of the Association."

Although the resolution called for six members of the committee, the Minutes of the Stone Mountain Association showed only four members: I. G. Walker, Chairman, John E. White, C. J. Thompson and J. M. Brittain. At the 1909 session of the Stone Mountain Association, held at the Stone Mountain Baptist Church, September 1, the following resolution was offered by this committee and unanimously adopted:

"Resolved that we look favorably upon the organization of such a body — an Association for the churches of Metropolitan Atlanta — and hereby authorize our Moderator and Clerk to write letters of dismission for such churches as may desire to join in the formation of the new Association. We furthermore indulge the hope that by new adjustment of our remaining forces, we may attain likewise to greater efficiency in the realm of our territory."

Acting under the authority of this resolution, the Atlanta Baptist Pastors' Conference appointed a committee, with Dr. John F. Purser, pastor of the West End Church as chairman, to proceed with plans by which the new Association might be formed.

The committee issued a call to all Baptist churches in Fulton County, interested in organizing a new Association, to meet at the First Baptist Church, Tuesday evening, November 9, 1909, at 8 o'clock. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Purser. After a devotional service, conducted by A. T. Spalding, M. L. Brittain, at that time Superintendent of the Fulton County Public Schools, was elected temporary Moderator, and M. M. Anderson was elected temporary Clerk.

It is obvious from all the records available that the representatives gathered at the First Baptist Church that November evening in 1909 had been well informed of the purpose of the meeting and that the churches involved had taken action which clearly indicated their desire to have a Baptist District Association for the growing Metropolitan community.

The Stone Mountain Association had responded to this situation in a most fraternal spirit, and letters had been issued by that body to most of the churches in Fulton County, and to several churches in DeKalb County, in and near Decatur. With this friendly and favorable background, the meeting on November 9, 1909, proceeded with a roll call of the churches that were ready and desired to form the new Association. The following indicates the 38 churches which answered the roll call, the year constituted, pastor and membership, and the Association from which they came.

*Atlanta First*, constituted 1848, Charles W. Daniel, pastor, 1,076 members, from Stone Mountain Association.

*Atlanta Heights*, G. W. Poor, Roswell.

*Atlanta Second*, 1854, John E. White, 1,351, Stone Mountain.

*Battle Hill*, 1907, M. L. Keith, 32, Stone Mountain.

*Brown Memorial*, 1877, W. A. Babb, 354, Stone Mountain.

*Capitol Avenue*, 1888, William Russell Owen, 950, Stone Mountain.

*Central*, 1870, B. P. Robertson, 402, Stone Mountain.

*Center Hill*, 1909, Sam Bone.

*College Park First*, 1894, C. C. Pugh, 245, Stone Mountain.

*East End*, 1895, R. H. Lamkin, 62, Stone Mountain.

*East Point First*, 1889, W. J. D. Upshaw, 332, Stone Mountain.

*East Lake*, Stone Mountain.

*Edgewood*, 1903, V. C. Norcross, 120, Stone Mountain.

*Grant Park*, 1907, D. S. Edenfield, 195, Stone Mountain.

*Glenn Street*, J. A. Bonner.

*Highland Park*, 1908, B. F. O'Kelley, 37, Stone Mountain.

*Hapeville First*, 1884, G. W. Wood, 80, Stone Mountain.

*Immanuel*, 1902, J. D. Winchester, 524, Stone Mountain.



*Jackson Hill*, 1894, C. J. Thompson, 608, Stone Mountain.  
*Inman Park*, 1907, C. N. Donaldson, Stone Mountain.  
*Jones Avenue*, 1899, T. E. McCutcheon, 439, Stone Mountain.  
*Kirkwood*, 1872, W. C. Ivey, 97, Stone Mountain.  
*Lakewood Heights*, 1906, R. J. Huff, 64, Stone Mountain.  
*Morrow*, C. C. Davison, 74, Stone Mountain.  
*Mount Paran*, 1862, W. F. Burdett, 100, Roswell.  
*North Atlanta*, 1894, William H. Bell, 659, Stone Mountain.  
*New Antioch*, 1888, A. J. Smith, 177, Concord.  
*Oakland City*, 1909, John F. Purser, 54, Stone Mountain.  
*Orchard Knob*, 1902, J. E. Daniel.  
*Peachtree*, 1847, W. F. Burdett, 127, Stone Mountain.  
*Ponce de Leon Avenue*, 1904, J. W. Millard, 376, Stone Mountain.  
*Ponders Avenue*, 1898, J. A. Crumbley, 105, Stone Mountain.  
*Providence*, 1865, G. S. Bond, 52, Roswell.  
*Southside*, 1904, William A. King, 202, Stone Mountain.  
*Tabernacle*, 1898, Len G. Broughton, 1,780, Stone Mountain.  
*Temple*, 382, Stone Mountain.  
*West End*, 1888, John F. Purser, 703, Stone Mountain.  
*Woodward Avenue*, 1872, J. C. Hurley, 583, Stone Mountain.

Based on Atlanta Association Minutes, 1909; Georgia Baptist Convention Minutes, 1909; Stone Mountain Minutes, 1908; and *Inventory of Church Archives of Georgia*, 1941, the above list of churches appears correct, with the following explanations: Center Hill and Orchard Knob Churches were received into the new Association in 1909, but no mention is made of Associations from which they came; Battle Hill was renamed Gordon Street in 1911; Central was first known as Fourth Baptist, 1870, James Chapel, and Central, 1874; East End was first known as Murray Hill, 1895, East End from 1899-1919, Fifth Avenue, Decatur, since 1919; Highland Avenue was disbanded in 1914; Jones Avenue was first known as Third Baptist, 1869-1903, changed to Jones Avenue, 1903, Third Baptist, 1919, disbanded, 1936; Kirkwood was first known as Beech Springs, 1872-1924, changed to Kirkwood, 1924; Ponders Avenue first known as Oxford Tabernacle, changed to Ponders Avenue, 1914; Woodward Avenue first known as Fifth Baptist, 1872-1907, Woodward Avenue, 1908-38, Park Avenue, 1938.

Six of the churches did not show their membership. The 32 churches reporting their membership, as of 1909, indicated a combined membership of 12,247. The 144 churches of the Atlanta Association of Baptist Churches, reporting at the 1957 session of the Association, showed a combined membership of 117,774.

Following the roll call of the 38 churches, hereinafter identified as the charter churches of the Association, a motion prevailed to form the Atlanta Association of Baptist Churches. M. L. Brittain was elected Moderator, and M. M. Anderson, Clerk. Names of messengers from the respective churches, together with other usual reports of gifts for local work and missions, constituted the record of the session, as shown in the first Minutes of the Association, dated November 9, 1909.

For the record, the following letter, issued to the Capitol Avenue Baptist Church by the Stone Mountain Association, is reproduced:

"To the Baptist Churches of Atlanta and vicinity, Greetings: This will certify that the Capitol Avenue Baptist Church of Atlanta, a member of our body, walking orderly and in good fellowship, did recently by vote of said church, apply in due form to the Moderator and Clerk to be dismissed from the Stone Mountain Association to form a new Association in and around the City of Atlanta. Signed, I. G. Walker, Moderator and James Kempton, Clerk."

The organization of the new Association having been perfected, Dr. Charles W. Daniel offered a motion that a committee of five be appointed to report on a provisional Constitution for the body. The Moderator appointed the following: Charles W. Daniel, Chairman, John E. White, W. H. Bell, V. C. Norcross and B. F. Burdett.

Later in the session, this committee submitted the first Constitution of the Association, which was unanimously adopted. Space will not permit the full reproduction of this important document, but it is appropriate to quote some of the more important sections:

## I

"The body shall be styled The Atlanta Association of Baptist Churches.

## II

"The general object of this Association is to facilitate the union and cooperation of the Baptist people of Atlanta and the country surrounding Atlanta in the great work of establishing the Kingdom of God according to the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ and the examples of His disciples and apostles . . . to bring into close and compact



fellowship the energies of all the Baptist churches in the territory of the Association . . . to concentrate attention directly upon the City of Atlanta and the problems of its rapid growth, from a Christian and Baptist standpoint . . . to foresee and provide for the future Christian and Baptist interests in this territory through cooperation between the city, suburban and country churches which occupy it . . . to promote evangelism, church organization and church buildings in the territory of the Association through the cooperation and agreement of the churches constituting the Association . . . to cooperate with other Associations and churches in the work of the Georgia Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention, all the objects and purposes of which shall be held in a general way the objects and purposes of this Association.

### III

"The constituents of the Association shall consist of Baptist churches of regular order presenting letters of dismission from other Associations in due form, and of churches which may be constituted within its bounds, presenting the proper credentials and articles of faith accompanied by properly accredited messengers . . . . .

### XI

"The doctrinal statement representing in general the Biblical beliefs of Baptists constituting this Association as its grounds of common faith and practice shall be the declarations contained in what is known as 'The Seminary Creed,' a copy of which shall be published in the annual Minutes of the body."

The adoption of the Constitution automatically adopted the Seminary Creed as the doctrinal declaration of the Association, and this statement remains the doctrinal declaration of the Association at this time. This statement of belief is herewith reproduced for the record:

#### SUMMARY OF BELIEF

Adopted by the Atlanta Association of Baptist Churches, November 9, 1909

1. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the revealed will of God and make known the only way of salvation.
2. We believe that God alone is the Lord of the conscience. He hath left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men which are in any way contradictory to His Word or not contained in it.

3. We believe that there is but one true and living God, infinite in being and perfection, and made known in the Scriptures as Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

4. We believe that God from eternity decrees or permits all things that come to pass and perpetually upholds, directs and governs all creatures and all events, yet so as not, in any wise, to be the author or approve of sin, nor to destroy the free will and responsibility of intelligent creatures.

5. We believe that man was made in the image of God, but by voluntary transgressions fell from a state of innocence into sin, involving both himself and all his descendants.

6. We believe that salvation is wholly of grace through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and that it is both a present experience and future inheritance.

7. We believe that regeneration is a change of heart, wrought by the Holy Spirit, and bringing it into subjection to the will of Christ.

8. We believe that Jesus Christ is the divinely appointed Mediator between God and man, and the Prophet, Priest and King of the church.

9. We believe that repentance is both a realization of sin and a turning away from it.

10. We believe that faith is personal confidence in Jesus Christ as a Saviour, and is made practical in obedience and good works, and especially in giving the Gospel to all men.

11. We believe that justification is God's gracious and full acquittal of sinners who have become repentant believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

12. We believe that sanctification is the work of the Spirit of God carried on by means of the truth in the hearts and lives of His people.

13. We believe in the final preservation and perseverance of all saints.

14. We believe the Lord Jesus Christ is the Head of the church, to be composed of all true disciples, and in Him is vested all power for its government. We believe that a local church is a congregation of baptized believers, united for the purpose of worshipping God and promoting the cause of true religion, according to the principles and ordinances of the Gospel. The regular officers of a church are bishops, elders or pastors, and deacons.

15. We believe that baptism is an ordinance of the Lord Jesus Christ, obligatory on every believer, wherein he is immersed in water in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost as a sign of his fellowship with the death and resurrection of Christ, of the remission of sins and of his giving up himself to God to live and walk in newness of life. It is a pre-requisite to church fellowship and to participation in the Lord's Supper.

16. We believe that the Lord's Supper is an ordinance of the Lord Jesus Christ, to be administered with the elements of bread and wine, and to be observed by the churches to the end of the world. It is in no sense a sacrifice, but is designed to commemorate His death and to be a pledge and renewal of their communion with Him and of their church fellowship.



17. We believe that the Lord's Day is a Christian institution for regular observance in exercise of worship, both in public and private, and by resting from worldly amusements and employments, works of necessity and mercy excepted.

18. We believe that civil government is of divine appointment for the interests and good order of society, and that magistrates are to be obeyed except only in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience and Prince of the kings of the earth.

19. We believe that there will be a resurrection of the just and the unjust.

20. We believe that there is a radical difference between the righteous and the wicked, and that only such as have the Spirit of Christ are righteous in the eyes of God, while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in God's sight wicked and under condemnation, and that this distinction between men holds both in and after death.

21. We believe that at the end of the world, Christ will judge all men and will assign their places in eternity on principles of righteousness.

Other interesting events in the first session of the Association included the presentation of a gavel made from a tree on Stone Mountain to Moderator M. L. Brittain by his father, Rev. J. M. Brittain; the recognition of former Governor W. J. Northen, then president of the Georgia Baptist Convention; the recognition of five former moderators of the Stone Mountain Association—Dr. S. Y. Jameson, Rev. J. M. Brittain, Rev. V. C. Norcross, B. F. Abbott and John M. Green.

Dr. B. D. Gray, Secretary of the Home Mission Board, was recognized and invited to speak. Dr. Gray lived at College Park, and was active in locating new churches in the rapidly growing Atlanta area. Another Baptist leader, Dr. B. J. W. Graham, editor of *The Christian Index*, gave constant support to the new Association through the paper and in personal ministry in the churches.

Dr. John E. White offered a motion, inviting the Woman's Missionary Union to meet with the Association in 1910. The Stone Mountain Association had a committee on "Woman's Work," composed of W. J. Northen, V. C. Norcross and E. M. Hudson, and this committee was continued in setting up the list of committees in the new Association.

On motion of W. W. Gaines, the following standing committees were appointed in 1909:

*State Missions*—H. R. Bernard, I. T. Callaway, J. S. Perkins.

*Home Missions*—John F. Purser, V. I. Masters, T. L. Stokes.

*Foreign Missions*—Harry Etheridge, E. C. Callaway, T. J. Stovall.

*Temperance*—C. N. Donaldson, W. A. Babb, W. A. King.

*Sunday Schools*—Joseph Broughton, A. E. Wheeler, B. H. Hartsfield.

*Woman's Work*—W. J. Northen, V. C. Norcross, E. M. Hudson.

*Young People's Work*—N. T. Anderson, Walker Dunson, Hal McKenney.

*Education*—Sam D. Jones, J. G. Hunt, W. S. Cox.

*State of Religion*—C. W. Daniel, H. C. Hurley, G.B. Adair.

*Baptist History*—W. W. Gaines, W. W. Orr, S. T. Whitaker.

*Orphan's Home*—W. A. Johnson, J. W. Ellis, J. E. Daniel.

*Ministerial Relief*—W. H. Bell, John M. Green, L. A. Johnson.

*Deceased*—A. T. Spalding, T. E. McCutcheon, W. F. Burdett.

*Cox College Advisors*—A. C. Ward, D. S. Edenfield, W. C. Ivey.

Other actions in that initial session provided for the naming of an Executive Committee, consisting of nine members, and the officers of the Association, ex-officio members; selection of Oakland City Church as the meeting place for the 1910 session, Tuesday after the second Sunday in September; naming of "delegates" to the next Georgia Baptist Convention, and the Moderator as "representative" of the Association at the next Southern Baptist Convention; selection of Rev. B. P. Robertson to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Dr. C. W. Daniel the Missionary Sermon at the 1910 session.

The committee to recommend members of the Executive Committee nominated the following: John E. White, chairman, John M. Green, T. L. Stokes, B. P. Robertson, W. F. Burdett, W. W. Gaines, Joseph Broughton, E. J. Willingham, and J. W. Willis; ex-officio members, M. L. Brittain, B. F. Burdett, M. M. Anderson and George Brown.

The 38 charter churches of the Association reported total gifts for the year of 1909 of \$155,799.78—\$136,805.81 for local church support, and \$18,993.97 for missions and benevolence. It is interesting to compare these figures with the report of the Association in 1957, showing total gifts of \$8,824,976.00—\$7,126,983.00 for local church support, and \$1,686,498.00 for missions and benevolence.

The 38 charter churches reported combined enrollments of Sunday Schools in 1909, 8,602; Baptist Young People's Unions, not given; Woman's Missionary Unions, 1,375. The combined membership of the 38 charter churches was 12,741; included in this number were 744 baptisms for that year. Again comparing the figures of 1909 with 1957, we find that the combined Sunday School enrollment in 1957 was 98,005; Baptist Training Union, 26,943; Woman's Missionary Union, 18,886; Brotherhood, 7,337. (There

was no Brotherhood organization in 1909). The combined membership of the churches in 1957 was 117,774, with 5,227 baptisms for the year. The churches increased from 38 in 1909 to 144 in 1957.

Since the first session of the Association was held in the First Baptist Church, and since the First Church is the oldest Baptist church in the City of Atlanta, it seems appropriate to pause at this juncture and recall briefly the story of this historic landmark in Atlanta's beginnings and development.

The First Baptist Church, Atlanta, was constituted January 1, 1848, and incorporated January 26, 1850. There were 17 charter members. The presbytery constituting the church was composed of Rev. Billington M. Sanders, first President of Mercer University, Rev. John L. Dagg, third President of Mercer University, and Rev. Parker M. Rice. The congregation worshipped in a schoolhouse until June, 1848, when their first meetinghouse was erected on the northwest corner of Walton and Forsyth streets. The church used a pool at the corner of Spring and James streets, supplied by the Walton Spring, for baptizing new members who came on profession of faith. Negro slaves were members of the church, prior to the War between the States. The first meetinghouse was badly damaged by Sherman's attack in 1864. A granite edifice of Colonial design was erected in 1869, and used until 1900, when the property was sold to the U. S. Government for a post office building. The church entered its new meetinghouse at the corner of Peachtree and Cain streets, another granite structure, of Norman-Gothic design, and this building was dedicated June 3, 1906, Dr. J. B. Hawthorne, pastor. On April 27, 1930, the church entered its present magnificent meetinghouse on Peachtree street, between Fourth and Fifth streets, Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, pastor.

Pastors of the First Church have been: D. G. Daniell, 1848-50; A. M. Spalding, 1850-51; W. H. Robert, 1852-55; Thomas U. Wilkes, 1855 and 1860; A. T. Holmes, 1858-59; H. C. Hornady, 1860-67; R. W. Fuller, 1868-70; E. W. Warren, 1871-76; D. W. Gwin, 1876-84; J. B. Hawthorne, 1884-97; W. W. Landrum, 1897-1909; Charles W. Daniel, 1909-27; Ellis A. Fuller, 1928-42; James W. Middleton, 1942-52; Roy O. McClain, 1953-. The First Church began with 17 members in 1848, and at the 1957 session of the Association, the church reported 6,080 members.

With this brief summary of the organizational session of the Atlanta Association in 1909, we pass now from "In the Beginning" to the period of "Searching Out the Land."



## SEARCHING OUT THE LAND

1909 - 1919

**A**TTLANTA'S population in 1910, according to the U. S. Census, was 154,839, of which number 2,500 were foreign born, and 35,900 of Negro descent. The 1910 population was a convincing confirmation of John C. Calhoun's prediction that "some day a great city will be built at this logical cross-roads of the South-east."

The 1850 Census showed a population of the three-year old municipality of 2,572. By 1870 the population was 21,789, and in 1890 it was 65,533. Rising from the ashes of General Sherman's careless use of matches in 1864, the Gate City of the South was fulfilling Henry W. Grady's dream of growth and leadership.

The hour had struck for Baptists to "search out the land," and map their strategy for the obvious importance of this community in the life of Georgia, the Nation, and the World. One senses the atmosphere of clear vision and high courage as the records of the Atlanta Baptist Pastors' Conference and the new Atlanta Association of Baptist Churches of 1909 and 1910, are reviewed.

Illustrative of the amazing enhancement of real estate in Atlanta is the story of the lot at the corner of Forsyth and Walton Streets, purchased for \$130 in 1848 as the site for the First Baptist Church, and sold by the church in 1906 for \$81,500.

The 1910 session of the Association was held in the Oakland City Church, September 13-14, M. L. Brittain, Moderator. Rev. B. P. Robertson stirred the hearts of the messengers in the Introductory Sermon, reviewing the blessings of God upon the Baptist work in Atlanta, dating from 1847, when Peachtree Church, then a rural congregation, was constituted, followed in 1848 by the constituting of the First Church, through the cooperative effort of the Home Mission Board and certain churches, most of them rural, throughout Georgia. There were 17 charter members of the First Church. While acknowledging the heartening growth of Baptists in the young and expanding city, Mr. Robertson was careful to remind the Association that it "is not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord." This clear note of humility and faith marked the opening session of the 1910 Association. The people gave thanks unto God, and girded for the tasks at hand and ahead.

The Executive Committee, Dr. John E. White, Chairman, had spent the year in earnest study of the Metropolitan area, seeking

to determine where new churches were indicated, and sound methods of meeting these opportunities for Kingdom advance. Nine additional churches were admitted to membership in the 1910 session, as follows:

<i>Church</i>	<i>Pastor</i>	<i>Membership</i>	<i>Association</i>
Sharon.....	A. J. Goss .....	120.....	Stone Mountain
McDonald.....	A. L. Fluery .....	189.....	Constituted that year
Inman Yards.....	G. W. Lewis.....	54.....	Constituted that year
Locust Grove.....			Constituted that year
Decatur First.....	W. H. Young .....	199.....	Stone Mountain
East Atlanta.....			Stone Mountain
Antioch.....	Chas. Stephenson .....		
Western Heights.....	C. B. Ragsdale .....	242.....	Constituted that year
Northside Park.....	C. N. Peek .....	57.....	

With these additional churches, and others indicating their purpose to ask for membership in the new Association, the messengers heard with much interest this statement from the Executive Committee:

“We desire to call the attention of the Association to the fact that with this session it ceases to be an experiment and passes on into its career of permanence and achievement.

“The wisdom of its organization is demonstrated in that not only has it just begun to do what has long been needed to be done, but it has begun in such a way and with such actual results of progress as to indicate conclusively that the Baptists of Atlanta and vicinity are better prepared now to take care of the Baptist cause than they ever could have been without the organization of the Atlanta Association of Baptist Churches.

“The vital point now to claim our attention is to secure from every church its share of responsibility in the common cause.”

The Executive Committee reported that on January 10, 1910, Rev. T. E. McCutcheon had been employed as Superintendent and Associational Evangelist. “He has retained nominal oversight over the Jones Avenue Church, but has devoted most of his time to Associational work. His assistant at Jones Avenue, Rev. C. W. Rowe, has carried on most of the pastoral duties. During his first year on the job, Superintendent McCutcheon has led in constituting two new churches, preached in 23 revivals in which more than 1,100 have professed faith and 430 have been added by letter and 11 by restoration.”

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The budget for the Associational work in 1910 amounted to \$3,000, of which amount \$500 came from the Board of Missions of the Georgia Baptist Convention. The Executive Committee recommended "with special emphasis" the beginning of a movement to establish a building and loan fund by the churches, to be distributed under the direction of the Association. It is interesting to note that the budget of the Association in 1958 is \$100,000 for its general work, and \$40,000 for the Assembly, owned and operated by the Association.

The Executive Committee further recommended at the 1910 session of the Association that "the Association work with the Georgia Baptist Convention through its Committee on Cooperation in bringing about a uniform system of benevolence in Georgia." While the recommendation does not specify the "benevolence", it may be assumed that the reference was to care of aged ministers, orphans and other needy people. The Convention did not enter the field of hospital ministry until 1913.

The Executive Committee further recommended that the Association "tender its good offices in proposing businesslike methods in the financial system in our churches, which at present are embarrassed by the lack of system in their efforts."

All of these recommendations were adopted, after full and frank discussion. It is apparent from the earliest records of the Association that the Atlanta Baptists have been careful to reach all major decisions after conference and agreement.

The Executive Committee noted with pleasure and commendation the work of the Second Church in its support of the Capitol View Mission, Rev. Julian Rodgers, pastor, and also the Ezra Mission. West End Church was praised for its support of the Woolen Mills Mission. Baptists in the Sells Avenue neighborhood, under the leadership of Deacon G. W. Evans were carrying on "an encouraging work which has a hopeful outlook."

The committee appointed in 1909 to secure and report a charter made its report and recommended the adoption of the following:

#### ORIGINAL CHARTER OF ATLANTA ASSOCIATION OF BAPTIST CHURCHES

#3587

Georgia, Fulton County

The petition of John E. White, John M. Green, B. P. Robertson, Geo. M. Brown, M. L. Brittain, B. F. Burdette, M. M. Anderson, T. L. Stokes, A. E. Wheeler, W. F. Burdett, W. W. Gaines, E. G. Willingham, Farrow Hall and Junius W. Millard shows to the court the following facts, to wit:



1. That petitioners are residents of said county.
2. That the Atlanta Association of Baptist churches is an organization composed of messengers from a large number of Baptist churches, the major number of which churches are located in said county, petitioners at this time constitute the officers and the executive committee of said Association, and the under rules of said Association the said officers and the executive committee attend to all the duties of Association at all times during the interim between its sessions.
3. Petitioners say that the objects and purposes of said Association can best be accomplished if said Association should be chartered.
4. Petitioners, therefore, pray for themselves, their successors and associates and those who may from time to time be messengers to said Association that they may be incorporated under the name and style of

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5. The object of said Association is and shall be the advancement and promotion of the Christian religion in accordance with the beliefs, practices and principles of the Baptist denomination.
6. In order to accomplish its ends and purposes the said Association desires to engage in and to do missionary work, church extension work, denominational educational work, and other lines of work which may be deemed necessary for the advancement of the object of the corporation as above set forth.
7. Petitioners desire for said corporation the right to purchase, own, hold and sell all kinds of property, real and personal, the right to receive gifts, donations and bequests, to collect, hold and administer funds, not for the purpose of trade and profit, but in order to accomplish the objects of the Association. Petitioners likewise desire the right and power to execute notes and bonds, to borrow money and to convey any property it may own, real or personal, to secure it.
8. Said Association and corporation not being organized for pecuniary gain, it shall have and shall issue no capital stock.
9. Petitioners desire for said corporation the right to make such rules and by-laws as it may deem proper to elect such officers and appoint such committees as it may desire, charging such officers and committees with such duties and responsibilities and giving them such powers as it may choose, not inconsistent with this charter. The Moderator and Treasurer of the Association shall execute all instruments and contracts made by the Association.
10. Petitioners desire the right to engage such employees, and agents as it may be necessary, to have and use a common seal, to sue and be sued, contract and be contracted with, and generally to perform such acts and exercise such powers as may be necessary to accomplish the objects of the Association.

Wherefore petitioners pray for an order incorporating themselves, their associates, and successors, and the messengers who may from time to time constitute said Association, under the name and style aforesaid, with all the powers prayed for, for the full term of twenty years, with the privilege of renewal at the expiration thereof.

W. W. Gaines  
Attorney for Petitioners

Filed in office, this the 28th day of Oct., 1910. Arnold Broyles, Clerk

Read and considered. It appearing to the court that the foregoing and above application of John E. White et al for incorporation is in all respects legitimate, it is hereby ordered that said petitioners, their associates and successors, and the persons who may hereafter be messengers to said Association, be and they are hereby incorporated for the full term of twenty years, with the privilege of renewal at the expiration thereof, under the style of

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with all the powers and rights as prayed for, together with such other powers as may be necessary to the carrying out of the purposes of the corporation and with such other powers, privileges, and immunities, liabilities and responsibilities as are incident to corporation of similar character in the state of Georgia.

This January 19, 1911. W. D. Ellis, Judge Superior Court, Atlanta, Georgia.

Recorded February 3rd, 1911. Arnold Broyles, Clerk.

NOTE: Charter expired in 1931 and reapplied for in 1932 by the executive committee, consisting of: Carlton W. Binns, Ryland Knight, H. E. Moody, Charles W. Outlaw, Buren C. Smith, W. H. Faust, I. G. Hailey, Mrs. Wilbur M. Jones, W. H. Major, W. Lee Cutts, L. R. Christie, T. P. Tribble, Wilburn S. Smith, Ellis A. Fuller, L. E. Smith, G. F. Garrison, I. M. Sheffield, J. M. Harrison, B. M. Callaway, Mrs. M. E. Duncan, Fred W. Patterson, Mrs. E. H. Gibson, Mrs. J. B. Lawrence, Mrs. E. R. Waller, Mrs. B. L. Bugg, (all of Fulton County) and A. J. Moncrief, Sr., W. T. Rhodes, Louie D. Newton, Miss Jewell Ellison, Mrs. J. W. Awtry and Mrs. B. R. Padgett (all of DeKalb County).

NOTE: Charter was renewed in 1952 on petition authorized by the Executive Committee of the Association.

Although the 1909 session had adopted a "Summary of Belief," quoted in Chapter One, a committee was appointed to submit Articles of Faith in 1910, and the committee recommended the following statement, which was adopted:

1. There is one and only one true and living God. He subsists in three Persons—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three Persons are not three Gods, but one God.

2. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, given by inspiration, and are the only rule and guide for our faith and practice.

3. Adam fell, and all men fell in him. By this fall the race became totally depraved and powerless to recover themselves from their lost estate.

4. God from eternity loved His people, and before the world began, chose them in Christ to grace and glory. The effectual calling, justification, and glorification of each is infallibly secured through an eternal covenant between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

5. Sinners are justified before God only by the righteousness of Christ, wrought out in His vicarious atonement for sin and imputed to them through faith.

6. The Spirit and power of God will effectually call all the elect, and will support, sustain and keep them through faith, so that they will be preserved to the end, and not be lost.

7. Good works are fruits of faith. They follow justification, and are evidences of a gracious state.

8. There will be a resurrection of the dead and a general judgment; and the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be consciously eternal.

Dr. Charles W. Daniel had been appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon at the 1910 session of the Association, and all who heard that sermon have often declared that it was, perhaps, the formative statement for the future spiritual outlook and purpose of the founding fathers and mothers. Unfortunately, we do not have a copy of this great sermon, but all of us who were fortunate enough to have ever heard this great expository preacher may well understand what the impact of that sermon was at the time, and continued to be in the hearts of Atlanta Baptists. One layman, commenting on the sermon at the time of Dr. Daniel's death, said: "I will remember what he said at Oakland City Church in 1910 as the greatest interpretation of Christian missions I have ever heard, or ever expect to hear. I felt as if I was listening to the apostle Paul."

The emerging spirit of commitment to the unfolding opportunities for Baptists in the Atlanta area in 1910 was reflected in several resolutions adopted by that session. E. C. Callaway offered a resolution on Laymen's Work, from which certain quotes will serve to indicate the concern of the laymen to share in the thrilling business of searching out the land:

"The field is white unto harvest, the nations are calling, strong and consecrated young men and women are volunteering, and God is moving mightily upon the men of Christendom . . . That a committee of three laymen be appointed to cooperate within our bounds with the Laymen's Committee of the Georgia Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention, and encourage the organization of Mission Committees in our local churches to promote the cause of missions throughout the Association . . ." Adopting this resolution, the Association appointed E. C. Callaway, W. P. Andrews and Harry Ethridge as the committee called for in the resolution.

One of the most important recommendations at the 1910 session was the report of Committee on Sunday Schools, Dr. Joseph Broughton, chairman:

1. That the Atlanta Association of Baptist Churches organize a Sunday School Association, the purpose of



which shall be to plan for the best methods of carrying on the Sunday Schools in its bounds and study the field to determine where new Sunday Schools should be located.

2. That when this Sunday School Association is formed, we seek to organize central teachers' training classes, and that pupils be enrolled from any Sunday School upon the recommendation of either the pastor or superintendent.

3. That our Sunday Schools study the plan of grading by whatever method seems wisest, it having been found that the old plan of having people of widely different ages in the same class is not conducive to the best work.

4. That our Sunday Schools seek more and more to get the adults in Sunday School, and to this end we beg to advise that this can best be done by magnifying the Sunday School, raising the standard of teaching, and by class organization.

5. That we give more emphasis to evangelism.

The report, signed by Dr. Broughton, A. E. Wheeler and B. H. Hartsfield, was unanimously adopted, and the 1911 session received the good news that the Sunday School Association had been organized.

Another significant report at the 1910 session, revealing the high purpose of the messengers to search out the land, was the Committee on Woman's Work, composed of Walker Dunson, J. L. Turner and G. W. McCarty, which appears to have been the last WMU committee composed of men. This plan of having men on the committee on "Woman's Work" had been inherited from the Stone Mountain Association. Actually, Governor W. J. Northen is shown as "President of the WMU Work" in 1909, at the time the Atlanta Association was formed. Mrs. L. M. Landrum was elected President of the Atlanta WMU Association, prior to the meeting of the 1910 session of the Association, and continued as President through 1911. She is referred to as "President" and as "Superintendent". Mrs. W. O. Mitchell was Secretary of the WMU Association in 1910. The Minutes refer to Mrs. J. M. Brittain, Mrs. J. C. McHan, Mrs. Early Gillespie, Mrs. T. S. Lewis, Mrs. H. H. Hale, Mrs. W. C. Carter, Mrs. Paul Ethridge, Mrs. P. G. Turner and Mrs. B. D. Gray as "Committee Leaders in 1910 WMU Session."

Mrs. Landrum reported in 1910 that "there are 7,378 women and girls in the membership of the churches in the Association, and of this number, 2,205 are engaged in active mission work. These

women contributed a grand total of \$8,185.44 to all causes." Mrs. Landrum went on to report 35 Missionary Societies, two Ladies Aid Societies, ten YWA groups, seven Sunbeam Bands and two RA Chapters. Hapeville and Decatur were the only churches in the Association with all four WMU organizations. Mrs. Landrum's report indicated that WMU was, in 1910, fostering the following interests: State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Sunday School Board, Schools and Colleges, Ministerial Education, Orphan's Home, Ministerial Relief, Training School at Louisville, and the Margaret Home for the children of Home and Foreign missionaries. The WMU work in the Association was divided into five districts in 1910.

The 1910 session also heard the report of Baptist Young People's Union, Walker Dunson, chairman. N. T. Anderson was chairman of that committee in 1909. No report can be found on BYPU work in 1909. Mr. Dunson's committee in 1910 had this to say:

"The motto of the BYPU is, 'Activity for Church Membership.' We find that 50 percent of the church members do not attend prayer meeting, 25 percent do not contribute any amount of record, and ten percent do not attend church. The work among our young people seeks to strengthen the next generation of Baptists. The Sunday School teaches the Bible; the BYPU trains for church membership. Thus the Sunday School and the BYPU are linked in a vital ministry to every member of every church. BYPU seeks to train our young people in real vision and intelligent discipleship. We have a City Union of associated BYPU's. Your committee recommends that the standing committee on BYPU, to be appointed at this session, be charged with the task of visiting the various churches and developing a closer fellowship in the work of our young people."

Serving with Mr. Dunson were William Russell Owen, Max Flynt and J. L. Turner, and the committee was enlarged at the 1910 session to include W. H. King, A. H. Chapman and T. J. Stovall.

The 1911 session of the Association was held at the Tabernacle Church, October 10-11. George M. Brown was elected Moderator, J. S. Donaldson, Vice-Moderator, M. M. Anderson, Clerk, W. C. Ivey, Treasurer, and A. E. Wheeler, Auditor.

In his welcome to the messengers and visitors, Dr. Len G. Broughton, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, said:

"We wanted you to meet with us in our new meetinghouse, dedicated exactly one month ago today, and we hope that the Baptists of Atlanta and of Georgia and of the South and of the

World will always feel at home in this magnificent structure which we have been blest of God to erect here in the heart of what I believe will be the greatest city in the South."

The impressive four-story building of Romanesque architecture, still one of the commanding structures in Atlanta's downtown skyline, had been completed in 1910, but it was not formally opened until September, 1911, in week-long services in which Dr. G. Campbell Morgan, England, Dr. Russell H. Conwell, Philadelphia, Dr. Robert S. MacArthur, New York, and Rev. William Fetler, Russia, participated.

The Tabernacle Baptist Church is a daughter of the Second Baptist Church, via the Third Baptist Church, constituted July 18, 1869. In 1897 most of the members of the Third Church withdrew to constitute the Tabernacle Church, under the leadership of Dr. Len G. Broughton, in a tent at the corner of Luckie and Harris streets. The organization of the new church was completed in 1898. In 1909 the church purchased the present site at the intersection of Bartow, Luckie and Nassau streets. Dr. Broughton resigned as pastor in 1912 to accept a call to London, England, returning to the Tabernacle as pastor in 1929. Continuing his address of welcome to the Association in 1911, Dr. Broughton said:

"And although we are meeting here today in the very heart of downtown Atlanta, with the sound of street cars and the clatter of heavy traffic, I want you to know that the good women of our church have prepared an old-fashioned dinner on the ground, and we want you to feel as much at home as if we were gathering under the trees in some quiet rural church. Atlanta needs Jesus, and I propose that we resolve here today to lift up the banner of His redeeming love for this great city in which many precious souls await the call to salvation."

Rev. W. F. Burdett was the preacher in the 1911 session, and many have been heard to say that it was an hour of lasting blessing. Brother Burdett was pastor for many years at Peachtree Church, oldest church in the Association, and for many years at Mount Paran, and other churches.

Three new churches were received into membership of the Association in 1911:

<i>Church</i>	<i>Pastor</i>	<i>M'ship</i>	<i>Org.</i>	<i>Association</i>
East Atlanta.....		127		South River
Piedmont.....	G. W. Forest	125		Concord
Buckhead.....	E. H. Peacock	35	1911.....	



The Buckhead Church was constituted in 1911, under the leadership of Superintendent T. E. McCutcheon. The Atlanta Heights Church disbanded, and the members joined the Buckhead Church. During the year, the North Atlanta Church organized a Mission at Howell Station, J. J. Pharr, in charge. West End Church started the Agoga Mission on Sells Avenue.

The Associational Staff was expanded during 1911 to include 16 workers. Miss Ethel Hill was supported by the WMU at the Stewart Avenue Mission. Included in these workers was a prison evangelist, a missionary evangelist, and 10 pastor evangelists, giving part time to Associational work. These workers were paid by the State Board of Missions. Miss Ida Rhoad and C. W. Rowe were assistants to Superintendent McCutcheon. It will be observed that the Association, in cooperation with the Georgia Baptist Convention, was searching out the land.

John M. Green, President of the Sunday School Association, and E. M. Price, Secretary, reported that during the year the Sunday School work had expanded to include every church in the Association.

Deaths reported at the 1911 session: J. L. D. Hillyer, William A. King, pastor of the East Point Church, Ben H. Phillips, pastor of the Orchard Knob Church, John Owens, retired minister, B. B. Watkins, retired minister, B. F. Abbott, D. O. Dougherty, Monroe Smith and Dr. L. D. Carpenter.

The 1912 session of the Association was held at the Second Church, October 11-12. George M. Brown was reelected Moderator, as were all other officers. The sermon in 1912 was by Dr. Arthur Hale Gordon, pastor of the Ponce de Leon Church. A Bostonian, Dr. Gordon was a scholarly preacher, and greatly beloved.

Grace Church, constituted that year, 25 members, W. E. Deere, pastor, was received into membership; and Morrow Church was granted a letter to join the Flint River Association. T. E. McCutcheon had resigned earlier in the year to accept a pastorate, and was succeeded as Superintendent of the Association by Rev. B. P. Robertson, at that time pastor of the Central Church. Rev. J. M. Brittain, pastor of Temple Church, died in 1912.

While we are thinking of the 1912 session, meeting at the Second Church, it seems appropriate to recall the story of that historic church, constituted September 1, 1854, with 19 members who withdrew from the First Church. Rev. C. M. Irwin of Madison was the first pastor, serving for about one year. He was succeeded

by Rev. Thomas U. Wilkes, who served as pastor two years. Rev. John T. Clarke was the third pastor, serving from 1858 to 1861, when he was forced to retire because of illness. It was during Clarke's ministry that the first permanent meetinghouse was erected—the first Baptist meetinghouse in Atlanta, built of brick, with a baptistry and heated by steam. The fourth pastor was Rev. William T. Brantly, Jr., who came from Philadelphia, serving from 1861 to 1871. The next pastor was the beloved Dr. A. T. Spalding, whose ministry in the Second Church and in the whole life of the Association lingers as a benediction. Dr. Spalding was succeeded by Dr. Henry McDonald, 1882-1900. Born in Ireland, this brilliant, courageous young man came to the United States, living for some time in Kentucky, where he left the Roman Catholic tradition to become a Baptist. Dr. McDonald's ministry at the Second Church will be cherished by Baptist historians to the end of the way. Dr. M. L. Brittain married his daughter. Dr. John E. White followed Dr. McDonald, serving the Second Church from 1900 to 1915. Many of us can remember that great preacher and denominational statesman. Dr. Henry Alford Porter was pastor from 1916 to 1923, another great preacher and beloved minister of Jesus Christ. Dr. Carter Helm Jones was pastor, 1924-27, and Dr. E. M. Poteat, 1928-29. Dr. Ryland Knight followed Dr. Poteat, and served the Second Church until its merger with the Ponce de Leon Church, 1932, and continued to serve as pastor of the Second-Ponce de Leon Church—until 1945.

Occupying the commanding site at the corner of Washington Avenue and Mitchell Street, directly across the street from the State Capitol, the Second Church had among its members such distinguished men as Governor Henry D. McDaniel, Governor Joseph E. Brown, Governor Joseph M. Brown, Governor Joseph M. Terrell, Mayor George Hillyer, Dr. M. L. Brittain, Judge Beverly D. Evans, Judge Marshall J. Clarke, Judge John T. Clarke, and many other men and women of state-wide leadership in the professions, business and religion.

The 1913 session of the Association was held at the First Church, College Park, Dr. Lincoln McConnell preaching the sermon. W. W. Gaines was elected Moderator, and M. M. Anderson was re-elected Clerk. New churches received into membership that year were:

Plum Street, C. B. Ragsdale, pastor, constituted September 1, 1913, 108 members; and Oakhurst, constituted in August, 1913, 40 members, W. T. Smith and A. C. Henley, supply preachers.

Center Hill Church applied for dismissal, but the record does not indicate to what Association. Fortified Hills Church had been

constituted in October, 1913, but there is no reference in the Minutes of 1913 to an application on the part of this church for membership. The record does indicate that Fortified Hills was "an arm of the First Church," and the statistical table shows the "Fortified Hills Mission." Four Missions were listed as being jointly sponsored by the Associational office and certain churches: Stewart Avenue Mission, West End Church; Ezra Mission, Second Church; Carey Mission, Capitol Avenue Church; and Fortified Hills Mission, First Church.

The Executive Committee expressed special appreciation to the Board of Missions of the Georgia Baptist Convention, using this phrase: "We could not carry on our extension program without the Board's aid." The Sunday School Association and the WMU Association joined in securing funds to send Miss Susan Anderson to the Training School for missionaries. Mrs. W. P. Anderson was President of the WMU Association, and Dr. Charles W. Daniel was President of the BYPU Association. John M. Green was President of the Sunday School Association. Miss Clifford Hunter left for China in 1913 to join Dr. T. W. Ayers in his hospital ministry. Mrs. William Russell Owen reported that the WMU of Capitol Avenue Church had organized a Business Woman's Circle in 1912—the first such BWC in the Association. Mrs. T. L. Lewis was elected President, or Superintendent, of the WMU work of the Association at the 1913 session, succeeding Mrs. W. P. Anderson.

Two events in 1913 were gratefully and enthusiastically noted in the sessions of the Association; first, Frank H. Leavell had come to Georgia as State BYPU Secretary, and had participated in several training schools in the Atlanta Association, resulting in the increase in churches having Unions from 14 to 28, and five of these Unions were A-I, which led the state; second, the Georgia Baptist Convention had purchased the Tabernacle Infirmary, March 15, 1913, and changed the name to the Georgia Baptist Hospital. Price of the purchase was \$85,000.

A word about the host church for the 1913 session is in order. The College Park Church was constituted in 1898—the outgrowth of a Sunday School in a store building, beginning in 1893, and moving from the store to the Cox College Chapel. The church has been located at the same site since 1898, 215 E. Hawthorne Avenue, College Park. The first pastor was Dr. I. J. Van Ness, 1898; Robert Harris, 1898-1903; Julian Rogers, 1903-05; C. C. Pugh, 1905-09; Frank O'Kelley, 1909-15; L. E. Roberts, 1916-29; W. M. Sentell, 1930-35; J. L. Baggott, 1935-49; W. T. Booth, 1950-53; Thomas J. Holmes, 1954-57; B. Carroll Carter, 1958-. The name was changed to First Baptist Church, College Park, and the church now



has one of the most beautiful and commodious meetinghouses in the Association, reporting a membership of 2,010 in 1957.

The Association met in the Gordon Street Church in 1914. W. W. Gaines was reelected Moderator, and M. M. Anderson was reelected Clerk. The sermon was by W. H. Major. Three churches were admitted to membership—three Hills:

Center Hill, W. E. McCollum, pastor, 126 members; Fortified Hills, E. E. Woodson, pastor; Druid Hills, constituted in July, 1914, 229 members. Dr. F. C. McConnell accepted the call to Druid Hills that fall, and began his ministry on January 1, 1915.

Beginning in 1914, BYPU work was under the direction of the Committee on Bible Study and Training, W. T. Jones and C. W. Daniel, co-chairmen. President John M. Green of the Sunday School Association reported that average attendance in the Sunday Schools had increased 30 percent in the past two years, adding this sentence: "Our best corps of Kingdom Captains is rallied under the Sunday School banner."

Three pages in the Minutes of the 1914 session were devoted to the work of Miss Emma L. Amos, who had served as State WMU Secretary since 1906. She died in 1914. Miss Margaret Hargrove was employed in 1914 as general director of the Stewart Avenue Mission.

The Laymen's Committee, R. R. Nash, chairman, reported that no working organization had been effected for the laymen. However, he did report a Laymen's Missionary Convention in Atlanta, approximately 800 laymen attending, with a banquet on the closing evening at the Auditorium Armory. No further reference appeared in the Minutes regarding the Laymen's Committee until the 1920 session.

On motion of L. E. Barton, the Association voted to "take over, support and direct" the Decatur Street Mission, sometimes called the Friend Rescue Mission, formerly operated by E. B. Gill, founder and director.

A word now about the host church in 1914. The Gordon Street Church, formerly known as the Battle Hill Church, was constituted in 1907, under the sponsorship of the West End Church. The name was changed to Gordon Street Church in 1911. The first pastor was M. L. Keith, 1907-08, followed by J. A. Goss, 1908-09; W. A. Babb, 1909-11; W. M. Sentell, 1911-17; J. H. Coin, 1917-21; W. H. Faust, 1922-37; T. F. Harvey, 1937-46; David J. Evans, 1946-. The church moved to its present location in 1912. Membership in 1957, 2,091.

The 1915 session was held in Calvary Church, formed that year by the merging of Temple and Central Churches, since these churches were in the same area. Dr. John F. Purser was elected Moderator—the first pastor to serve in this post in the Association. V. O. Kimsey succeeded M. M. Anderson as Clerk. L. E. Barton was the preacher. Egan Park Church was admitted to the Association, R. F. Smith, pastor, 54 members. Piedmont Church was granted a letter of dismission. B. P. Robertson resigned as Superintendent.

The Board of Missions of the Georgia Baptist Convention notified the Association that it would discontinue aid to all churches in the Association with the exception of Stewart Avenue Mission, because of the cooperative relationship with the WMU in support of the Mission. This action on the part of the Board of Missions led to a recommendation of the Executive Committee that the Baptists of Atlanta should unite in a cooperative effort to meet not only the needs of existing churches, but further search out the land in determining where new churches were needed, and provide a basis of furthering all of the work of the Kingdom within the area of the rapidly growing city and suburban communities. Signing this statesmanlike report: W. W. Gaines, John F. Purser, W. H. Major, Charles W. Daniel, W. M. Sentell, W. F. Burdett, W. T. Jones, L. A. Brown, A. H. Gordon, G. S. Prior, L. E. Barton, M. M. Anderson, W. N. Edenfield and J. L. Jackson.

President Claude Gray of Locust Grove Institute expressed appreciation to the Atlanta WMU Association for having furnished 30 rooms in the new dormitory at the school, following a disastrous fire. Mrs. Sam Jones was named chairman of the Committee for Crippled Children at the Georgia Baptist Hospital. Mrs. George Westmoreland, trustee of the Georgia Baptist Orphan's Home, made an impassioned plea for enlarged support of the Home.

Dr. John E. White resigned the pastorate of the Second Baptist Church to accept the Presidency of Anderson College and the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Anderson, S. C. The Association paused for a season of special prayer for world peace, World War One having started in the summer of 1914. L. E. Barton was pastor of the host church.

The Association met with the Woodward Avenue Church in 1916, reelecting Dr. John F. Purser Moderator and V. O. Kimsey Clerk. Henry Alford Porter, the new pastor at Second Church, was the preacher.

The WMU reported that two scholarships had been provided at Mary P. Willingham School, one for a student from the moun-

tain area, and one from some other section of the state. There were no features in the report of the Committee on Bible Study and Training, which directed the work of the Sunday School and BYPU work.

The Executive Committee "deplored" the growing attitude that "the Association is for men only—that the women attend less and less." The report suggested that the WMU Association meet jointly with the Association, and that the "churches elect more women to responsible church positions."

Dr. Charles W. Daniel introduced a resolution, calling on Georgia Baptists to launch a special campaign to raise funds for the Georgia Baptist Hospital, pledging the Atlanta Association's support of such campaign. A committee composed of Dr. Daniel, Dr. John F. Purser and W. W. Gaines was appointed to present this proposal to the Georgia Baptist Convention.

Dr. A. C. Ward, for 15 years pastor of Temple Church, and later pastor for five years at Oakland City Church, died in October, 1916.

A word about the host church takes us back to 1872, when the Fifth Baptist Church was constituted, the outgrowth of a Mission established in 1871 by Rev. James F. Eden in a vacant barroom on Decatur Street. Sixteen persons came from the Mission to constitute the Fifth Church in 1872. The church was first located at the corner of Bell and Gilmer Streets on a lot donated by John H. James of the Second Church. In 1903 the church purchased a lot at the corner of Woodward and Cherokee Avenues, where a brick meetinghouse was occupied in 1908, and the name changed to Woodward Avenue Church. The present site was secured in 1933, and in 1938 the name was changed to Park Avenue Church. The present pastor, L. E. Smith, has the distinction of being one of the deans of Atlanta pastors. Park Avenue Church reported 1,233 members in 1957.

The 1917 session met in the First Church. G. S. Prior was elected Moderator and V. O. Kimsey was reelected Clerk. W. M. Sentell was the preacher. Two churches were admitted to membership: Bellwood, John J. Watkins, pastor, 237 members; Ezra, R. J. Huff, pastor, 53 members.

The Jackson Hill meetinghouse was burned in the "big fire," May 21, 1917. The congregation met in the North Avenue schoolhouse until September, when the church deposited \$6,000 in the bank, "representing its total possessions," and voted to suspend temporarily. There will be later reference to the Jackson Hill developments.



The Committee on Bible Study and Training reported that there were 1,450 young people who were reading the Bible every day. The Atlanta BYPU organization had held the state banner for several years, and the Association expressed appreciation for the fine work of the young people. No reference of importance is found in the 1917 Minutes to the Sunday School and WMU work.

During the year the Association took over the property of the East Side Tabernacle under bond for title, paying for it at the rate of \$25 per month. The Association agreed to repair the outside of the Fortified Hills meetinghouse, the members agreeing to repair the interior.

In a "whirlwind one-week campaign," Atlanta Baptists raised \$90,000, their share of half the total goal, in a state-wide campaign on behalf of the Georgia Baptist Hospital, thus enabling the Hospital to reduce its indebtedness to \$19,000, which it was able to refinance at a much lower interest rate.

The Association faced its responsibility to the large and increasing number of soldiers at Camp Gordon and other nearby military camps. The United States had entered World War One in April, 1917, and the city was under-going an unprecedented situation with thousands of soldiers and their relatives. The Y.M.C.A., the Home Mission Board, and the Georgia Baptist Convention were working in various ways to meet this situation, but the Association felt that the Baptists of Atlanta must accept their responsibility to minister to these important newcomers to the community. A committee was authorized to proceed with such services as the Association might render, in cooperation with existing Baptist channels of service to the armed forces, and the churches were encouraged to offer hospitality to the soldiers and their families. All of this pointed up the fact that the Association was trying realistically to search out the land.

The 1918 session of the Association was held at the East Side Tabernacle. G. S. Prior and V. O. Kimsey were reelected as Moderator and Clerk, respectively. Dr. F. C. McConnell was the preacher. Locust Grove Church asked for a letter of dismissal to join the Noonday Association. No new churches were admitted.

The Immanuel Church had sold its property, and was looking for a new location. The Association paid the final indebtedness on the Fortified Hills Church, amounting to \$1,010.19, and voted to give Jackson Hill Church \$1,000.

The WMU Association reported its best year. There was an increase of seven Unions, 42 of the 52 churches in the Association

having well organized and effective WMU's. Total WMU gifts in 1918 amounted to \$53,779.80, an increase of more than \$12,000 over the previous year.

The first city-wide Training School of the BYPU, June, 1918, was the first such school in the Southern Baptist Convention. Many of the BYPU members had entered the armed services; even so, there were 34 churches with Unions, with 1,020 members. C. D. Gibbs was President of the City Union.

Pastors Charles W. Daniel and Henry Alford Porter were chosen for important overseas ministry to the armed forces, and their churches graciously granted them leaves of absence. Approximately 1,500 young men from Atlanta Baptist churches were in the armed services when the Association met in October, 1918. The Armistice was soon to follow, November 11.

The host church was constituted in 1910. The first pastor was Rev. C. W. Rowe. The name was changed from East Side Tabernacle to Eastside in 1951. The present pastor is Rev. Guy C. Rainwater. Eastside Church reported 1,464 members in 1957.

The 1919 session of the Association was held in the Grant Park Church. B. S. Railey was elected Moderator, and V. O. Kimsey was reelected Clerk. Dr. John F. Purser was the preacher.

The Executive Committee for the third consecutive year strongly recommended that the Association "project two or three general meetings of the Association during the year." The report emphasized the fact that the people did not know one another, and that the time had come when far-reaching plans must be made, thus the obvious need for closer fellowship, conference and agreement. The Western Heights Church was enjoying unprecedented growth, paying for the new building, week by week. The Executive Committee further reported that the Tabernacle Baptist Church was about to be free of debt. The Georgia Baptist Convention, through its Board of Missions, and the Home Mission Board had joined the members of the church and other friends in this debt-reduction effort. The Buckhead Church was completing a beautiful new meetinghouse. The Mission Board had contributed \$2,000 to the church for its building fund. The Sunday School Association urged the Association to approve the plan of employing a full-time Sunday School Secretary. The WMU reported a good year. The WMU had sponsored a shower for Miss Susan Anderson, who sailed on September 1, 1919, for missionary work in Africa.

Highlight of the 1919 session was the report of the Baptist 75 Million Campaign, at that time in full progress throughout the

Southern Baptist Convention, having been launched at the meeting of the Convention in Atlanta that year. The Atlanta Association had been assigned the largest goal of any District Association in the Convention—\$1,033,902—and the reports at the 1919 session indicated that every church would reach its goal.

A word about the host church. Grant Park Church was constituted in 1907 with 42 members, who came from the Capitol Avenue Church. The present site, 355 Georgia Avenue, S. E., was purchased in 1907 and a temporary structure was used for worship until 1910, when the first meetinghouse was erected. In 1924 the first permanent meetinghouse was erected. Rev. D. S. Edenfield was the first pastor. The present pastor is Rev. Prue H. Kelly. Grant Park Church reported 1,757 members in 1957.

The decade of "Searching Out the Land" having been briefly reviewed, we turn now to the decade of "Laying Good Foundations."



## LAYING GOOD FOUNDATIONS

1920 - 1928

**B**EHOLD, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation," Isaiah 28:16. Majestic words—prophetic words! And Paul admonished Timothy and all Christians with him: "That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life," I Timothy, 6:18-19.

Having passed through the thrilling year of In the Beginning, and the decade of Searching Out the Land, the Association had come to its most crucial era—Laying Good Foundations. The Articles of Faith had sounded again the doctrinal depths to which every true Baptist humbly and gratefully adheres, and with this "sure foundation," the hour had struck for long-range planning on good foundations of Baptist faith and practice.

Moreover, the Baptist 75 Million Campaign had broken the sub-soil in the greatest cooperative effort in Southern Baptist history. Uniting for the first time in one great commitment to undergird the local churches, the District Associations, the State Conventions, and the Southern Baptist Convention in the fields of evangelism, enlistment, benevolence, education and missions, at home and around the world, the people had subscribed \$92,000,000 on a goal of \$75,000,000 in the six-month campaign, July-December, 1919. The Atlanta Association of Baptist Churches, with the largest goal of any District Association in the Southern Baptist Convention—\$1,033,902—had subscribed \$1,319,043.21. The tidal wave of a great revival was sweeping through the hearts of Baptists, and Atlanta Baptists were in the forefront of this hour of unprecedented effort and achievement. Obviously, there must be careful, prayerful planning, with sure foundations—good foundations.

The 1920 session met in the First Church, East Point. W. W. Gaines was elected Moderator, and V. O. Kimsey was reelected Clerk. Mr. Gaines had served as Moderator, 1913-14, and was the only man to be elected Moderator of the Association for two separate terms. Dr. Warren Mosby Seay was the preacher, and he directed the attention of the messengers to the hour in which they were gathered—an hour freighted with unparalleled possibilities, and the need for God's leading if foundations were to be

laid for the promising tomorrows. In the atmosphere of this great sermon, the messengers set to work in 1920.

Piedmont Church was received into membership in 1920, having been dismissed in 1915. There is no record of where Piedmont Church had been.

The Committee on Bible Study and Training reported Bible Study Clubs, formed during the year, for the purpose of promoting better teaching in the Sunday Schools. It appears that these Clubs were effective as weekly teachers' meetings wherever a competent leader was available. The committee further reported that Junior and Senior BYPU work was progressing throughout the Association, with 27 Senior and 19 Junior organizations.

H. M. Willet, chairman of the Four-Minute Speakers Bureau during the 75 Million Campaign, reported a strong, close-knit organization of laymen, grateful for their experience in the great campaign, and ready to further serve, if needed.

This report indicated that there was a tremendous reservoir of interest in the work of the churches and denomination. Dr. Charles W. Daniel, who had led the campaign that raised more than \$90,000 in the Atlanta Association for the Georgia Baptist Hospital in 1917, and who had led the Association in over-subscribing its goal in the 75 Million Campaign, declared: "The time is here when we must acknowledge the place of our laymen and laywomen in the work of the denomination. They have proved their interest and their ability in these recent campaigns. I believe we should lay worthy foundations in this session of the Association upon which these laymen will build." Following his impassioned and forward-looking address, Dr. Daniel offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, that the Executive Committee be authorized and requested to take initial steps toward the formation of a Baptist Council, auxiliary to the Association, whose purpose shall be the promotion of Baptist interests in all of its phases."

The resolution was adopted, and the committee went to work on the laying of another foundation. The Executive Committee made thorough study of the proposed Foundation, and voted unanimous approval of the idea. The Atlanta Baptist Council was organized, September 27, 1921, at the Baptist Tabernacle, with Louie D. Newton, president, M. L. Brittain, vice-president, Carlton W. Binns, secretary, and F. S. Etheridge, treasurer. A charter was secured, and the Council was at work, ready with its first report at the next Association, 1921.

Dr. W. H. Major offered a motion to delete the word "male" from line two of Section VI, of the Constitution, thus "making any member eligible without regard to sex for appointment as representatives from the churches." It will be observed that the Association was laying foundations.

Looking toward a Baptist ministry to the rapidly increasing student body at the Georgia School of Technology, the Jones Avenue Church, under the leadership of Pastor T. E. McCutcheon, sold its property and bought a lot at Luckie and Gresham streets, on which a building was planned, adapted to the student community. The name of the church was, at that time, the Third Church. The Georgia Baptist Convention and the Home Mission Board pledged support in this new undertaking.

Announcement was made that the Association would sponsor a city-wide evangelistic crusade, March 2-20, 1921, under the auspices of the Evangelistic Department of the Home Mission Board.

Feature of the 1920 session was the election of Dr. John F. Purser, for 18 years pastor of the West End Church, as "Executive Secretary of the Association." The Association was confirming the action of its Executive Committee of March 1, 1920, when Dr. Purser accepted the position and began his work. The 1920 session was a turning point in the history of the Association, revealing clearly that the leadership had accepted the challenge of the hour, and was laying worthy foundations. Dr. Purser had long been known among his fellow-pastors as "the pastor of the pastors." Some called him "Mr. Greatheart." His desk at Baptist Headquarters was within a few feet of my desk, as editor of *The Christian Index*, and I found my way again and again to the guest chair beside his desk to ask his guidance in many, many matters that constantly confronted me. He was, indeed, "Brother John, the beloved." Dr. Purser's leadership of the Association in those important years of laying sure foundations will linger in all of our hearts as God's good gift to His people.

In his report to the 1920 session, Dr. Purser pointed out the areas where new churches were needed, and predicted that by the next session there would be several important recommendations for the purchase of lots. All who attended the 1920 session will recall that when his report was ended, and he was asked to speak, he began with these words: "Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone . . ." His great heart broke through his eyes in tears, and every messenger wept with him. Selah.

A word about the host church in 1920 is a pleasant reminder that our Moderator on this Fiftieth Anniversary occasion, Dr.



W. A. Duncan, served as pastor of the First Church, East Point, 30 years, 1927-1957. The church was constituted in 1889, and enjoyed the pastoral care of Walter R. Dale, Jeff Dodd, H. C. Hornady, I. J. Oxford, Jesse M. Dodd, A. D. Kendrick, A. T. Spalding, W. L. Head, B. G. Smith, W. D. Upshaw, W. A. King, C. E. Hitt, and O. L. Jones, for varying lengths of ministry, down to 1918, when Rev. J. A. Crumbley began the first long pastorate, serving until 1927. It was during his ministry that the church enjoyed one of its finer periods of sustained growth, both in membership and in an enlarged building program. In 1927, Dr. Duncan began his notable ministry—one of the bright chapters in Atlanta Baptist history. The church grew in every way during the 30 years of his leadership, reporting a membership of 2,829 in 1957. Rev. C. Douglas Jackson began his ministry in 1958.

The 1921 session was held in the Western Heights Church. Mr. Gaines and Mr. Kimsey were reelected Moderator and Clerk, respectively, and Dr. L. E. Roberts was the preacher. Here again we have one of the sermons often referred to by all the messengers who heard Dr. Roberts.

True to the prediction of Dr. Purser in 1920, there were four churches asking for admission: Immanuel Church, J. P. Glore, pastor, 1921, 162 members; Second, East Point, J. T. Hornsby, 1921, 28 members; Ingleside, C. C. Singleton, 1894, 164 members; and Martel, J. C. Alverson, from Fairburn Association. Two quotes from the Minutes of the 1921 session are in order:

“Several years ago the Immanuel meetinghouse was sold for debt, and the church disbanded. Last summer Rev. W. L. Head of the Home Mission Board held a meeting with the former members of Immanuel, and with the assistance of other churches, the church was reestablished with 81 members.”

“Rev. J. P. Glore, who wrought so valiantly in building the Western Heights edifice, finally became pastor. He gave his personal note for \$7,000 in payment for the building. These notes are payable \$100 per month, and they are now well ahead of the schedule of payments. It is now certain that within the two years he has proposed to serve as pastor without salary they will pay off the entire indebtedness. Not every man can serve without pay, not every man ought, but an occasional Pauline example like this thrills our hearts. During the first six weeks of his ministry, there were 106 additions.”

Dr. Purser, speaking to the Executive Committee's report in 1921, swept the Association in a great message, pointing out the

difficult times through which the people were passing, due to the depression which had followed the immediate boom of World War One. Said Dr. Purser: "Our people are suffering, and they need our sympathetic understanding. They have committed themselves to the Kingdom in their 75 Million Campaign pledges. They want to pay these pledges, and, in most instances, they will, if we let them know that we love them and understand them."

It was, indeed, a difficult hour. A few quotes from the Executive Committee's report will help the reader understand just how difficult it was:

"This financial readjustment, loss in property values and unemployment, has had two vital effects upon religious work. It has been easier to reach men with the Gospel. During April, 90 white churches and many colored churches engaged in simultaneous evangelistic meetings, and more than 2,600 members were received into the churches of our Association. Again, it has resulted in an alarming falling off in the offerings. Many are not able to pay anything on their 75 Million pledges. This has, in turn, affected all of the work of all the denominational agencies, state and south-wide. But on the whole, our people are doing the best they can, and we pray that conditions may soon improve."

The Executive Committee took the occasion to pay high tribute to Dr. Purser, asking: "What would we have done in this trying hour without his leadership? He has led us to lay worthy foundations, and we believe that the Lord will help us to build worthily." Dr. Purser had formed fields of churches in neighboring communities, such as Oakhurst and South Decatur, and New Antioch and Center Hill, so that they might secure resident pastors.

Commenting on the accomplishments of the Atlanta Baptist Council's first year of work, the Executive Committee said: "We believe that this is the most momentous movement our Association has inaugurated in its history." The laymen were at work, using the Four-Minute Speakers in all the churches to promote the entire program of the denomination. Primarily the Council was studying the areas where new missions and churches were needed, and aiding struggling churches to meet their situations, despite the depression.

The WMU reported a drinking fountain installed at the Children's Home in Hapeville in memory of Mrs. Stainback Wilson, first president of the Georgia WMU. The BYPU reported the organization of a city-wide Intermediate Union—the first such organization in the Southern Baptist Convention. Twelve local church Intermediate Unions composed this first Associational

organization for Intermediates. The Sunday School people reported a Sunday School in every church in the Association, with an average combined attendance of approximately 11,000. Emphasis on Cradle Roll work highlighted this report.

Jolted by the depression, the Association made courageous plans for the coming year, remembering how great was the opportunity to build on sure foundations, and how abounding the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The 1922 session was held with the Third Church in its new meetinghouse on Luckie Street, near the Georgia School of Technology. F. S. Etheridge was elected Moderator, and H. E. Moody Clerk. Dr. Charles W. Daniel preached the sermon. One new church was received into the Association—Elise Memorial, constituted in 1922, Rev. E. L. Barlow, pastor, 71 members. The name was later changed to Confederate Avenue Church.

The Atlanta Baptist Council asked that the following men be named as its Executive Committee: Frederic J. Paxson, chairman, J. W. Awtry, Carlton W. Binns, M. L. Brittain, George M. Brown, Charles W. Daniel, T. T. Davis, F. S. Etheridge, W. W. Gaines, M. A. Jones, W. H. Major, Louie D. Newton, W. W. Orr, B. S. Railey, Thomas L. Stokes, E. H. Vary, Wyley West, H. M. Willet and Baynard Willingham. The Council announced a dinner meeting of Baptist laymen in the City Auditorium, with 2,000 plates already reserved. Purpose of the meeting was to arouse wider interest on the part of the laymen in the work of the Association, particularly the program to establish a fund with which to buy lots for prospective churches.

Simultaneous evangelistic meetings in April, 1922, had enlisted most of the churches, and the Association was thrilled with the rising tide of concern for lost people. The effects of the depression was lessening, and the messengers felt encouraged. The Sunday School report indicated an increase in awards for study courses. The BYPU report showed a total of 58 Senior Unions in the Association, with the work divided into the South and North Divisions. Over 500 persons had attended a Senior Union banquet during the year. The State BYPU Convention was scheduled to meet in Atlanta in 1923. Mrs. W. A. Hartman had been elected president of the WMU work of the Association, succeeding Mrs. T. L. Lewis. The Stewart Avenue Mission's name had been changed to the Kate Pendleton Dawson Good Will Center in honor of Mrs. Dawson. The WMU had shared in the travelling expenses of Mrs. W. J. Neel, State WMU President, to the Baptist World Alliance, meeting in Stockholm, Sweden, in 1923.



The 1923 session met with the Capitol Avenue Church, Mr. Etheridge and Mr. Moody reelected as Moderator and Clerk, respectively. Dr. John W. Ham, pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle, was the preacher. Four new churches were admitted to membership:

<i>Church</i>	<i>Pastor</i>	<i>Constituted</i>	<i>Membership</i>
Virginia Avenue.....	C. A. London .....	1923.....	55
Cascade Avenue.....	D. S. Edenfield .....	1923.....	40
Ben Hill.....	W. M. Suttles .....	1923.....	24
Brookhaven.....	T. M. Williams .....	1922.....	141

The Association presented a beautiful loving cup to Dr. W. H. Major in appreciation of his years of leadership as chairman of the Executive Committee. All of us who witnessed that occasion will remember the gracious words of Dr. Purser as he spoke on behalf of the Association of the work of Dr. Major, one of the revered builders of the Baptist life of Atlanta.

The Executive Committee recommended that 1924 be designated as a Year of Stewardship, Teaching and Training. The five-year period of the Baptist 75 Million Campaign would end in 1924, and the Southern Baptist Convention, which had launched the great movement in Atlanta in 1919, would be meeting again in Atlanta in 1924. The Association approved a recommendation that not less than \$25,000 be devoted to extension work the following year under the direction of the Atlanta Baptist Council. The Baptist Council was authorized to proceed with plans for a great Baptist rally in the City Auditorium the night before the Southern Baptist Convention would meet in May, 1924, and that the Council serve as a host committee for the south-wide Organized Class Conference, to meet in Atlanta, January, 1924.

Carlton W. Binns, President of the Atlanta Senior BYPU, 1921-22, was elected President of the State BYPU Convention, 1923. The Intermediate BYPU of the city organized a Life Service Band for Intermediates who had dedicated their lives to Christian service. Sunday School average attendance jumped to 19,000, with total enrollment of 33,000.

It was a heartening session. The Baptists of Atlanta were steadily and surely building on worthy foundations. It is appropriate to say a word about the host church, Capitol Avenue. Developing from a Sunday School Mission of the Second Church, Capitol Avenue Church was constituted in 1900, moving from the Mission location on Richardson Street to 660 Capitol Avenue, where a frame structure was used as the meetinghouse until 1910, when a small brick

building was erected. In 1922 the present building was dedicated, with additional educational facilities in later years. During the years of the Capitol Avenue Mission, Rev. R. A. Sublett and Dr. A. T. Spalding served as pastors, followed by Rev. N. B. O'Kelley, who served until 1904. He was followed by Dr. John E. Briggs, 1904-09; Dr. William Russell Owen, 1909-14; Dr. W. H. Major, 1914-38; Rev. Selwyn Smith, 1939-42; Rev. Marshall Nelms, 1942-47; Rev. R. L. O'Brien, 1948-57; Rev. Fred Propst, 1958- . Mr. W. W. Gaines was the lay leader in Capitol Avenue for 60 years. Mr. G. Frank Garrison of the Home Mission Board has, for 30 years, been a great lay leader in Capitol Avenue and the Atlanta Association. Capitol Avenue Church has been a vital factor in the life of Atlanta Baptists and the Kingdom of God. The Capitol Avenue Church reported 1,468 members in 1957.

The 1924 session met with the Second Church. Rev. L. E. Roberts was elected Moderator, and Mr. Moody was reelected Clerk. Rev. J. L. Jackson, pastor of the Kirkwood Church, preached the sermon, and I think I could write a passing grade about that sermon. Many of us give thanks unto God upon every remembrance of J. L. Jackson, Mrs. Jackson, and the two noble sons. The sure foundations were bearing fruitage, and four more churches were admitted to membership in the Association:

Church	Pastor	Constituted	Membership
Northwest.....	James F. Edens, Jr. ....	1924.....	122
Richardson Street.....	W. L. Hambrick .....	1924.....	200
Sylvester.....	J. H. Gresham .....	1884.....	128
Merritts Avenue.....	W. O. Mullins .....	1917.....	215

Fire destroyed the Lakewood Heights meetinghouse during the year, but the congregation immediately built a temporary structure, and the work moved on. Nine churches had placed *The Christian Index* in their budget: Capitol Avenue, Capitol View, Druid Hills, First Church, Inman Park, Jackson Hill, Kirkwood, Ponce de Leon and Second. Druid Hills was the first church in the state to place the paper in the budget, 1920.

The Association joined the Pastors' Conference in an invitation to Dr. O. E. Bryan, Superintendent of Evangelism, Home Mission Board, to direct an evangelistic campaign throughout the Association, March 22 - April 12, 1925. Dr. W. H. Major was named director for the Association in the approaching Kingdom Budget Campaign to raise \$1,000,000 for Missions, Education and Benevolence in the Georgia Baptist Convention. Goal for the Association was set at \$187,000. The Baptist Council reported progress in securing new lots. The Four-Minute Speakers continued to pro-

mote all of the work of the denomination. The Council had sponsored a meeting earlier in the year with Dr. Frederick Norwood of London as the speaker, and meetings were set up in November with Dr. L. R. Scarborough and Dr. Charles Burts as speakers. It was announced that the Council had engaged Dr. James Moffatt of Scotland for a city-wide mass meeting in 1926. During the year, Mr. F. S. Etheridge of the Second Church had given \$100,000 to Mercer University, and the late Mrs. Andrew P. Stewart had left a gift of \$25,000 for the Orphan's Home, and \$10,000 for the Andrew P. Stewart Goodwill Center.

The Sunday School report emphasized progress in the work of the young people. A South-wide Organized Class Conference was held in Atlanta in January, 1924, which gave impetus to the work of the adult classes in every church. Vacation Bible Schools were appearing in several churches by 1924, and the Sunday School Board, under the leadership of Dr. Homer L. Grice, held a Vacation Bible School Conference in Atlanta in 1924. Druid Hills Church held the first Vacation Bible School in the Association in 1923. There were seven such Schools in 1924. An Elementary Workers' League was organized in 1924, under the leadership of Miss Rosa Mae King, with the hope that an Elementary Field Worker might be employed, the Sunday School Board paying half of the salary.

Mrs. Hartman had resigned as Superintendent of WMU work, and Mrs. H. A. Etheridge served in her place for the rest of 1924. The Atlanta WMU had served as host to the WMU of the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Atlanta in May, 1924. The WMU passed a resolution limiting term of office of the Superintendent to three years. Mrs. C. W. King was elected Superintendent. The Atlanta BYPU City Union had been awarded the state banner in Macon during the 1924 State Convention, the Ponce de Leon Church winning the banner for the best Senior Union in the state. The Senior BYPU's of Atlanta had secured 850 subscriptions to *The Christian Index* during 1924.

The 1925 session met with the Baptist Tabernacle. Dr. Roberts was reelected Moderator, and Mr. Moody was reelected Clerk. Dr. Carter Helm Jones, pastor of the Second Church, was the preacher. The sermon was described by a newspaper reporter as a prose-poem. Two churches constituted during the year were admitted to membership: Carey Park, Rev. Simon Walker, pastor, 38 members; South Whiteford Avenue, Rev. George Adolphus, acting pastor, 28 members.

On motion of Dr. F. C. McConnell, amended by Dr. C. W. Daniel, the churches were requested to add ten percent to their



budgets for the "Church Building and Loan Fund of the Atlanta Association," to further the work of the Atlanta Baptist Council. The report of the Baptist Council indicated several new areas where Baptist churches were definitely needed. The Council recommended sites for new churches in Avondale Estates, East Atlanta, and Morningside.

The BYPU City organization announced a publication, *The Dynamo*, the first such BYPU Associational organ in the Southern Baptist Convention. Three Unions had attained AA-1 Standard during the year: Hapeville, Ponce de Leon and Gordon Street. The WMU had increased its Districts to eight, and asked that all Business and Professional Groups become regular Circles in the local WMU's. Highlight of the Sunday School work in 1925 was the employment of Mrs. W. L. Blankenship as Associational Educational Director. Mrs. Blankenship reported Superintendents' Conferences, Organized Class Conferences, Intermediate and Elementary Conferences, all meeting monthly with the Sunday School Association.

The 1926 session met with the Gordon Street Church. Layman E. L. Harling was elected Moderator, and Mr. Moody was re-elected Clerk. Dr. Will H. Houghton, pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle, was the preacher. The death of Dr. John F. Purser, March 12, 1926, brought great sorrow to the churches. He had served as Executive Secretary of the Association from 1920 until his death, and his work had furthered the period of laying such foundations in eloquent and abiding achievement. The Association paused in its opening session for a memorial service to Dr. Purser.

Two churches were admitted to membership: Central, Hapeville, Rev. H. W. Morris, pastor, 91 members; East Stonewall, 47 members. Both churches had been constituted in 1926. Martel Church had been disbanded. McDonald Church had changed its name to Cameron Street. Ingleside Church had changed its name to Avondale Estates.

The Sunday School report emphasized the successful city-wide Training School in 1926, with more than 1,000 taking the courses. Twenty "Master Workman" awards were granted in 1926, and 2,012 seals and diplomas, compared with 515 the previous year. Mrs. Wilbur Jones was elected president of the WMU in 1926, serving until 1932. The WMU rescinded the action of the previous year in which terms of office were limited. The WMU assumed entire maintenance of the Good Will Centers in 1926.

The 1927 session met with West End Church. Mr. Harling was reelected Moderator, and Mr. Moody Clerk. Rev. Sam A. Cowan

was the preacher. Calvary Church, Rev. J. H. Fuller, pastor, 203 members, and Stewart Avenue Church, Rev. J. F. Eden, pastor, 134 members, were received into the Association. Sylvester Church was granted a letter of dismissal to the South River Association. The Committee on Digest of Letters paid this tribute to the Clerk, Mr. H. E. Moody: "We find that the work ordinarily assigned to this committee has been perfectly done already by the Clerk, and we recommend that this committee be eliminated in the future." The recommendation was signed by L. E. Roberts, J. M. Long, and D. N. Asbury.

Louie D. Newton offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

"That the Executive Committee of the Association be instructed to meet in conference with the Executive Committees of all the auxiliary organizations of the Association and work out a coordinated budget for all of our cooperative endeavors in the Association, and make recommendations at the meeting of the Association in 1928."

The BYPU report showed 24 Departments in local churches, with 2,861 awards for study courses conducted during the year. The WMU changed its time of meeting to March in order that it might be in cooperation with the SBC reports of WMU work.

It is appropriate to say a word about the host church in 1927. West End Church was constituted April 22, 1888, a daughter of the Second Church's Young Men's Missionary Society. A Mission was established by these young men in 1887 at the corner of Ashby and Oak Streets, and named the McDonald Mission in honor of Dr. Henry McDonald, beloved pastor of the Second Church. The first meetinghouse was dedicated in 1898, Dr. W. W. Landum, pastor of the First Church, being the preacher on that historic occasion. After serving on the original site for 63 years, West End moved to its present impressive site, 1040 Gordon Street, next door to the Wren's Nest, in 1951, where it occupies a beautiful and commodious building of Georgian architecture. The pastors of West End Church: Samuel Young Jameson, 1888-89; N. B. O'Kelley, 1899-1902; John F. Purser, 1902-20; Warren Mosby Seay, 1920-28; M. A. Cooper, 1928-43; John Waldrop, 1943-52; Norman Shands, 1953-. This great church reported 2,746 members in 1957. The West End Church has been a mother of churches, having sponsored the New Hope Church, Stewart Avenue Mission, Gordon Street, Oakland City, Dogwood Hills, and now the Lucile Avenue Mission. Mrs. Harvey Clarke, a charter member, went out to Japan as a missionary, as did her son, Coleman Clarke.

The 1928 session met with the Ponce de Leon Church. Dr. B. J. W. Graham was elected Moderator, and Mr. Moody was re-elected Clerk. Dr. A. J. Moncrief, pastor of the First Church, Decatur, was the preacher, and here again we had a truly great sermon. Two new churches were admitted to membership: Colonial Hills, constituted 1927, Rev. A. W. Lamar, pastor; and Peachtree City, constituted 1924, Rev. W. W. Hunton, pastor, 102 members.

Mr. W. W. Gaines offered a resolution as follows:

"Whereas, the Atlanta Association of Baptist Churches was organized in order that intensive work might be done within its bounds, and it is therefore desirable that its territory be compact and not too large. Therefore, be it resolved, that the Executive Committee be directed to consider the advisability of limiting the territory of the Association so that its own work may be the more efficiently done, and also not to interfere with the territory of other Associations or in any degree strain or violate the comity that should obtain between different Associations. The Executive Committee will also consider any other means of accomplishing these ends. The Executive Committee shall make its report to the next Association."

The Executive Committee reported that it had sought to carry out the instructions of the 1927 session in recommending a co-ordinated budget for all of the work of the auxiliary organizations, but "we found that some of the organizations were not ready for such coordination of the work, and we also find it difficult to finance a combined budget." It is reassuring that in later years this plan was adopted to the delight of everyone.

The Executive Committee announced that a committee composed of W. Lee Cutts, J. W. Awtry, I. M. Sheffield, L. P. Wilson and H. E. Moody was working with the State Jubilee Campaign Committee to raise Atlanta's quota of \$120,000 for the work of the denomination.

Highlight of the 1928 session was the announcement that Dr. G. J. Davis, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Marietta, had accepted the position of Executive Secretary, succeeding Dr. John F. Purser.

The Sunday School report emphasized evangelism, indicating that 90 percent of all professions of faith during the year had come from the Sunday Schools. Also, the Sunday School report showed more than 1,200 persons attending the annual Training School. The WMU report in 1928 cited Mr. Mercer Harbin's gift



to the Stewart Good Will Center, and the purchase of Bibles for the city jails of Atlanta.

A word about the host church is in order. Ponce de Leon Church was constituted October 6, 1904, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Brown, 584 Peachtree Street, with 115 charter members, 84 with letters from the First Church, and 19 from the Second Church. Former Governor W. J. Northen served as chairman of the congregation until the first pastor arrived. The congregation worshipped in the North Avenue Presbyterian Church for approximately six months. On Sunday afternoon, October 9, 1904, a council met in the First Church and approved the Covenant and Articles of Faith adopted by the new church, and the hand of fellowship was extended Governor Northen by Dr. W. W. Landrum, formally welcoming Ponce de Leon Church into the family of Atlanta Baptist churches. Dr. Landrum preached the first sermon to the new congregation, October 30, 1904. Dr. Junius W. Millard, pastor of the Eutaw Place Baptist Church, Baltimore, was called as the first pastor at Ponce de Leon, and entered upon his ministry January 5, 1905. Meantime, the lot on the northeast corner of Ponce de Leon and Piedmont Avenues had been purchased, and plans adopted for the first meetinghouse. The first service in the building was held September 9, 1906. Dr. Millard served as pastor until 1909. Rev. Arthur Hale Gordon served as pastor from 1910 to 1917; Dr. M. Ashby Jones from 1917 to 1926; and Dr. Luther Rice Christie from 1926 until the merger of Ponce de Leon and the Second Church, 1932. Dr. Ryland Knight served as pastor of the Second-Ponce de Leon Church from date of merger, 1932, until 1945.

With the coming of Dr. Davis as the new Executive Secretary, and with other far-reaching events, such as the depression of 1929, we appear to enter another era in the developing life of the Association as the year 1928 ends. Grateful for the Laying of Good Foundations, let us now turn to a period when the Association seemed to be listening to the words of Jesus: "Fields White to Harvest."

## FIELDS WHITE TO HARVEST

1929 - 1939

**J**ESUS, speaking to His disciples at Jacob's Well, following His revealing interview with the woman of Sychar, said: "Say not ye, there are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest," John 4:35.

Atlanta Baptists were summoned in 1929 to "lift up their eyes—to look on the fields, white already to harvest." And the man, sent from God, to sound His clarion call was Dr. G. J. Davis, beloved pastor at the First Church, Marietta, and elsewhere in Georgia, before accepting the invitation in 1928 to succeed Dr. John F. Purser as Executive Secretary of the Association. Never can historians adequately appraise the ministry of Dr. Davis in the three years that he moved quietly and resolutely among our people, winning their loyal support to the far-reaching plans which he so wisely outlined from day to day. It was a time of widening vision and heartening commitment.

The 1929 session was held with the Druid Hills Church. Dr. Graham and Mr. Moody were reelected Moderator and Clerk, respectively. Dr. M. A. Cooper, pastor of the West End Church, was the preacher. Hills Park Church, Rev. Henry Marlow, pastor, constituted in 1928, 76 members, was admitted to membership in the Association.

An interesting motion was offered in the 1929 session by Rev. S. A. Cowan, calling for the elimination of the annual sermon on the ground that all the time was needed for transacting the business of the Association. After frank and fraternal discussion, the motion was defeated. Atlanta Baptists were resolved to hold to the pattern of the founding fathers of Baptist life in America by maintaining the best hour for the proclamation of the Gospel.

The Baptist Council reported purchase of a lot in Sylvan Hills, present site of that growing church, for \$2,700. "Capitol View Church will sponsor this new Sunday School, looking to the formation of a church at an early date." The Council reported purchase of two lots on North Highland Avenue at a cost of \$6,250 for the site of the proposed new Morningside Baptist Church. Mr. Hampton Smith gave an additional lot. The Council further reported that it had assumed a mortgage of \$1,800 on the Immanuel

Church. Under the wise leadership of Dr. Davis, the Piedmont Church had transferred its property to the Baptist Council, to be held by the Association. The Council made essential repairs, and the Minutes state: "The church is now making marvelous progress under the leadership of Pastor J. Hill Barrett."

The Sunday School report indicated the resignation of Mrs. W. L. Blankinship, as Educational Director, and the acceptance of Mrs. G. L. Braden for this important post. The BYPU report emphasized the need for coordinated effort in the churches in the important matter of better training for the young people. The WMU report called attention to the observance of the Ruby Anniversary of Woman's Missionary Union, June 12, 1929, with a pageant in the City Auditorium. Mrs. Wilbur M. Jones attended the Baptist World Alliance in Toronto, June, 1928, as the guest of the Atlanta WMU.

A word about the host church in 1929: Druid Hills Church was constituted the first Sunday in July, 1914, Drs. B. D. Gray, Virgil Norcross and Weston Bruner composing the organizing council. There were 173 charter members, a majority of them having letters from the former Highland Avenue Baptist Church, abandoned earlier in 1914. First services were held in the building at the corner of North Highland and Greenwood Avenues, where the Highland Avenue Church was located. Dr. B. D. Gray guided the new congregation through the fall of 1914, during which period a call was extended to Dr. F. C. McConnell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Waco, Texas. Dr. McConnell began his ministry at Druid Hills, January 1, 1915, and served until his death, February 12, 1929. The church purchased a lot at the corner of North Highland and Ponce de Leon Avenues, and erected its first temporary meetinghouse on the present site in 1918. The present meetinghouse was completed and occupied on the first Sunday in July, 1928. The new Educational Building was occupied in 1955. Louie D. Newton, at the time chairman of the Board of Deacons and Editor of *The Christian Index*, began his ministry at Druid Hills, April 1, 1929. The church reported 3,094 members in 1957.

The 1930 session was held with the First Church in its new meetinghouse between Fourth and Fifth Streets on Peachtree, Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, pastor. Layman Carlton W. Binns was elected Moderator, and Mr. Moody was reelected Clerk. Dr. Luther Rice Christie was the preacher.

Morningside Church was received into membership, Dr. G. J. Davis serving as pastor in conjunction with his work as Executive Secretary of the Association. Morningside Church was constituted



in 1930, 78 members. Martel Church, Rev. J. C. Alverson, pastor, was admitted to membership in 1930, 58 members. The church was constituted in 1927. Lowry Town Church made application for membership in 1930, but did not submit Articles of Faith, and application was deferred for later consideration.

Dr. Joseph Broughton offered a motion, seconded by Dr. B. J. W. Graham, that the Association cooperate with other denominations in a city-wide census in 1931 to "give us something definite to work on, a committee of Ellis A. Fuller, Louie D. Newton, W. Lee Cutts, W. M. Sentell and L. R. Christie to approach the other denominations and seek their cooperation in such census."

Dr. Davis thrilled the Association in his report of progress during the year. He emphasized the fact that the Association was lifting up its eyes to the fields, white already to harvest, and predicted that the coming years would record great progress among Baptists in Atlanta. The Baptist Council reported its treasury exhausted as a result of heavy payments on lots recently purchased, and urged the importance of additional funds with which to meet the rapidly expanding suburban residential areas.

The WMU report announced employment of Miss Ruth Jinks in 1929 as Field Worker for the North Central Division, jointly supported by Atlanta WMU. The WMU also announced plans for the new building at the Kate Dawson Good Will Center, and the first Associational meeting for YWA's, GA's and RA's. The BYPU organization reported 65 percent of the Unions A-I, 25 percent AA-I, and 25 percent of the General Organizations A-I.

The 1931 session met with the First Church. Mr. Binns and Mr. Moody were reelected Moderator and Clerk, respectively. Sylvan Hills Church, Rev. H. C. Hodges, pastor, constituted 1931, 79 members; DeFoor Avenue Church, Rev. J. A. Stower, pastor, 1931, 59 members; and Martel Church, Rev. V. B. Stewart, pastor, 1927, 152 members, were admitted to membership in the Association.

Rev. S. A. Cowan resigned as chairman of the Executive Committee, and Dr. Ellis A. Fuller was elected to succeed him. Dr. Davis resigned, October 1, 1931, to become pastor of the Morningside Church. During his last year as Executive Secretary of the Association, Dr. Davis preached 222 sermons, held 42 conferences with existing and prospective churches, and conducted 18 prayer services. He was the leader in constituting the Sylvan Hills Church, the Morningside Church, the Woodland Hills Church, the Jefferson Avenue Church, and the Rocksprings Church, which was an outgrowth of Piedmont Church.

Under the leadership of Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, new chairman of the Executive Committee, the Association was asked to approve the following recommendations:

1. That the Executive Committee of the Atlanta Association of Baptist Churches hereafter be composed of the Moderator of the Association, the President of the Atlanta Baptist Sunday School Association, the President of the Atlanta WMU Association, the President of the Atlanta BYPU Association, ten pastors, eight laymen and eight women.

2. That the Executive Committee shall be organized each year with the following officers: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and Recording Secretary.

3. That the Executive Committee shall be broken down into the following standing committees of six each: WMU Work, Sunday School Work, BYPU Work, Stewardship and Evangelism, and Location of New Churches.

4. That the Executive Committee shall hold monthly meetings at which time written reports from the standing committees shall be made.

5. That each Department of our Associational work shall advise with the Executive Committee as a whole in establishing its policies and making its programs.

6. That the Executive Committee shall be the one organization of the Association for the holding of property and for the promoting of the denominational program within the Association, and that if necessary the charter of the Association be changed to conform with this recommendation.

7. That the chairman of the Executive Committee and the chairmen of the various standing committees be instructed to prepare a budget, including all expenditures of all Departments of all our work, and submit same to the Executive Committee each year at its last meeting before the annual meeting of the Association, and that this budget be included among the recommendations of the Executive Committee to the Association.

Dr. W. H. Major was elected President of the Atlanta Baptist Council, succeeding Louie D. Newton, who had served as President since its organization in 1920. On motion of Ellis A. Fuller, the following action was adopted in 1931: "That the Baptist Council be continued as it now exists until all legal matters involved in the transfer of property to the Executive Committee can be



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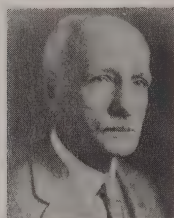
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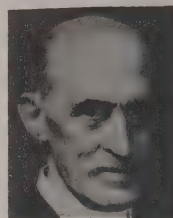
# MODERATORS OF THE ASSOCIATION



M. L. Brittain  
1909-1910



George M. Brown  
1911-1912



W. W. Gaines  
1913-1914  
1920-1921



John F. Purser  
1915-1916



G. S. Prior  
1917-1918



B. S. Railey  
1919



F. S. Etheridge  
1922-1923



L. E. Roberts  
1924-1925



E. L. Harling  
1926-1927



B. J. W. Graham  
1928-1929



Carlton W. Binns  
1930-1931



W. H. Major  
1932-1933



F. A. Hooper, Jr.  
1934-1935

# MODERATORS OF THE ASSOCIATION



W. H. Faust  
1936-1937



G. F. Garrison  
1938-1939



W. Lee Cutts  
1940-1941



Parks R. Warnock  
1942-1943



L. E. Smith  
1944-1945



G. J. Davis  
1946



J. C. Daniel  
1947-1948



E. E. Steele  
1949



L. H. Miller  
1950-1951



E. B. Shivers, Sr.  
1952-1953



R. L. O'Brien  
1954-1955



Ebb G. Kilpatrick, Sr.  
1956-1957



W. A. Duncan  
1958



HOME MISSION BOARD



GEORGIA BAPTIST HEADQUARTERS BUILDING



effected." The Council reported purchase of a lot for the Colonial Hills Church at a cost of \$1,100, and the completion of payments on lots purchased for Sylvan Hills, Morningside and Immanuel Churches. The WMU reported completion of the new building at the Kate Dawson Good Will Center. The building committee was composed of Mrs. Wilbur Jones, Mrs. J. W. Awtry, Mrs. J. R. Dickey, and Mrs. George M. Niles.

The 1932 session met with the First Church. Dr. W. H. Major was elected Moderator, and Mr. Moody was reelected Clerk. University Church was admitted to membership from the Roswell Association, but action on the application from the Temple Grove Church was deferred for further investigation.

The Executive Committee reported that the new plan of organization, approved by the 1931 Association, had been put into effect, adding: "This plan has proved most satisfactory. We feel that the different interests of our denominational work understand one another better and that all of them are working more effectively along their respective lines than ever before."

Dr. W. H. Major, President of the Atlanta Baptist Council, reported as follows:

"In obedience to the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Association, the Atlanta Baptist Council has given deeds for all property held under its charter to the Executive Committee of the Atlanta Association of Baptist Churches. The property consists of the following: The Rocksprings Church and lot, the Morningside Church and lot, and the Colonial Hills lot."

The WMU reported a pageant at the First Church in the fall of 1932, celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Georgia WMU. The committee in charge of the pageant was composed of Mrs. George Westmoreland, Mrs. W. D. Burke, Mrs. L. O. Freeman and Mrs. Sullivan. Due to illness, Mrs. Wilbur Jones resigned as Superintendent of the Atlanta WMU, and Mrs. L. O. Freeman was elected to take her place in 1932. The Atlanta WMU was host to the North Central Division in a meeting held at Druid Hills Church, October 25-26, 1932. A motion passed, limiting time of service of Associational officers to four years.

The Atlanta BYPU Association was host to the South-wide BYPU Conference, January 12-14, 1932, with 2,167 registered messengers. The Training School of the Atlanta BYPU in 1932 had a record attendance of 2,825, with 1,250 awards, described by the Sunday School Board as the largest such training school in the world. Mrs. G. L. Braden reported a banner year

in Sunday School work, surpassing all previous records in every phase of Sunday School work.

The 1933 session met with the First Church, Dr. Major and Mr. Moody reelected as Moderator and Clerk, respectively. It should be noted in passing that although the Association turned down the motion of Rev. S. A. Cowan in 1929 to discontinue the annual sermon, due to lack of time, that there was no sermon from 1930 to 1942. The annual sermon was resumed in 1942, and has been a feature of the annual sessions since that year. Hammond Park Church was admitted to membership in the Association in 1933, 99 members, as was the Second Church, Hapeville.

The 1933 session appears to have been definitely socially-minded. Dr. S. F. Lowe offered a motion as follows: "That the Executive Committee be and is hereby authorized and instructed to organize at its first meeting a Department of Temperance whose duty shall be to promote in every practical way the cause of temperance in the coming year."

Mrs. Paul Etheridge presented a resolution "To Temperance Committee of the Georgia Legislature, opposing any change in the present prohibition laws, and asking that the sale of alcoholic beverages be not legalized in Georgia." The WMU reported special recognition of the WMU of the Second Church for "a most constructive piece of mission study work in its Carnival of Missions."

The 1933 session also passed resolutions condemning Sunday baseball, Sunday movies, slack censorship of movies, lack of enforcement of law regarding sale of 3.2 beer, efforts to repeal the 18th Amendment, and lack of concern of Christian people in electing good men to public office. Dr. A. J. Moncrief offered the following resolution: "That we, the Atlanta Association of Baptist Churches, with a membership of more than 45,000 persons, convey to the President of the United States our commendation of his policy of peace through disarmament reduction, and pledge our support to the national program of peace."

The Church Extension and Pastoral Aid Committee reported \$1,520 given to the Cascade Church for building purposes, and \$200 to the Northside Park Church for its building fund in their historic effort to rebuild, following a recent fire.

Dr. M. E. Dodd, President of the Southern Baptist Convention, addressed the Association on behalf of stewardship and evangelism. Mrs. Braden reported excellent results from the new Training Courses for Sunday School workers, launched at the beginning of 1933, with the largest number of awards in the history of the

Association. The BYPU report cited visitation work in the jails, alms houses, homes for the aged and invalids. A program of debates had proved effective during 1933 in support of the Every Member Canvasses in the churches. Atlanta was host to the State 20th Anniversary dinner, January 31, 1933. The Atlanta BYPU received the banner for the best BYPU organization in the state. Mrs. J. Edwin Colwell of First Church, Hapeville, won first place in the State Better Speaker's Contest.

The 1934 session met with the First Church. Layman Frank A. Hooper, Jr., was elected Moderator, and Mr. Moody was reelected Clerk. New Hope Church, constituted in 1931, was received into membership of the Association, 63 members. University Church was dismissed, "with regret," but no name of Association indicated.

On motion of W. H. Faust, the Association voted "to go on record, requesting the Mayor and City Council of Atlanta to take the necessary steps toward the erection of an adequate auditorium for use of large conventions that desire to meet in Atlanta."

The Committee on Church Extension and Pastoral Aid reported purchase of lot in the Emory University section for a new church at a cost of \$4,000. Same committee reported sale of lot formerly owned by the Association to the Cascade Church, no amount indicated, but it is stated that Mr. R. N. Fickett had left the Cascade Church \$1,000, presumably the amount paid the Association for the lot.

Ellis A. Fuller, Chairman of the Executive Committee, offered a motion, authorizing the Association to employ a student worker for the Atlanta area, in cooperation with the Georgia Baptist Convention and the Sunday School Board, the Association to provide \$2,400 for this new Department of its work. Dr. Fuller was named chairman of a committee to work out details of the new student work.

The BYPU report again won the state banner, and Mrs. Wesley Paris won first place in the State Better Speaker's Contest. The Atlanta BYPU had cooperated in the launching of the Hundred Thousand Club, an effort to retire the indebtedness on Southern Baptist Convention agencies and institutions, and cooperated in a city-wide youth meeting, addressed by Dr. Daniel Poling, Editor of *The Christian Herald*. The WMU reported active cooperation with the Hundred Thousand Club movement, and joined the Association and the Atlanta Pastor's Conference in an invitation to the Baptist World Alliance, meeting in 1934 in Berlin, Germany, to hold its 1939 Congress in Atlanta. The WMU contributed \$100 to



Miss Catherine Bryan's return journey to China. A feature of WMU work in 1934 was the visit of Mrs. J. M. Dawson of Waco, Texas, for intensive Mission Study meetings at the Baptist Tabernacle and the First Church.

The 1935 session met with the First Church, Mr. Hooper and Mr. Moody reelected as Moderator and Clerk, respectively. Three churches were admitted to membership: Euclid Avenue, Rev. S. A. Cowan, pastor, constituted in 1931, 226 members; Temple Grove, Rev. Howard Moon, pastor, 71 members; and Mercer Avenue, College Park. Hammond Park Church was dismissed to join Pleasant Grove Association. Louie D. Newton was named chairman of the Committee on the Sixth Congress of the Baptist World Alliance, meeting in Atlanta in 1939, the invitation from Atlanta having been accepted at the Berlin Congress in 1934.

E. E. Steele reported great good accomplished in the Gypsy Smith meeting, "but our tent meeting program failed." The Executive Committee reported that citizens in the Emory University area had brought injunction proceedings against the Association's plan to locate a Baptist church in that section "on the grounds of general restriction. The suit has not yet come to trial."

Rev. William E. Denham having been employed as Baptist Student Union Secretary for the Atlanta area, under action of the 1934 Association, he reported work already under way at Georgia Tech, Emory University, Oglethorpe University, Agnes Scott College, Cox College, University of Georgia Evening College, and the Georgia Baptist Hospital School of Nursing.

The Executive Committee recommended that the Duke Fund be deposited in the Veteran Ministers' Fund, S. A. Wix, treasurer. The WMU reported a resolution "asking Georgia's ratification of the Child Labor Bill." The WMU reported resignations of Miss Ruby Hill and Miss Lee Arendall as workers at the Stewart Good Will Centers, and the election of Miss Carrie Bocklemen and Miss Elizabeth Lundy to fill their places. Also, the election of Mrs. George Westmoreland to write the history of the Atlanta WMU.

An important action of the 1935 session was the change in the name of the Baptist Young Peoples' Union to the Baptist Training Union, this change occasioned by the action of the Sunday School Board in adding the Adult Union Department. The Atlanta BTU was awarded first place in Georgia in 1935. The Associational BTU joined in the entertainment of Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, on his visit to Atlanta in 1935. Also, the BTU joined in the ordination of Rev. Clarence Sessions upon his call to the Immanuel Church.

The 1936 session met with the First Church, Rev. W. H. Faust elected Moderator and Mr. Moody reelected Clerk. No churches were admitted to membership in 1936. Seventy-five percent of the churches had participated in the city-wide evangelistic crusade, with heartening results. A goodly proportion of the churches had adopted the Belmont Covenant Plan of church financing on a 15-week trial with "many churches reporting their best financial year." Louie D. Newton reported that the 100-member Committee on Entertainment of the Baptist World Alliance in 1939 had been organized. L. E. Smith was named chairman of the Hundred Thousand Club Committee, and reported a fine response from the churches.

The injunction filed by citizens in the Emory University area, restraining the Association from building a Baptist church on Clifton Road, had been upheld by the Superior Court, and the case had been appealed to the Court of Appeals. (In 1938, the Court of Appeals ruled against the Association, and the lot was returned to the Druid Hills Land Company and the money paid for the lot was returned to the Association.)

The WMU report in 1936 indicated a busy year. Stockings had been sent to the Navajo Indians of the Alamo Baptist Church, near Albuquerque, New Mexico; both Good Will Centers were free of debt; state banner had been won again, as in 1933 and 1934; Mrs. B. B. Barnett had been appointed Associational Director of Circles of Business and Professional Women, and the first city-wide BPW meeting had been held in the First Church, with more than 300 women present, Miss Maud Mobley, first president.

The BTU report showed cooperation with the Atlanta Christian Council in a two-day Youth Conference; another state banner for the best Associational organization in Georgia; cooperated with Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus in city-wide Jewish-Christian Conference; and was host to the first Georgia BTU Officers and Workers Conference, held at Druid Hills Church, April 16-17, 1936. Mrs. Braden reported largest percentage gain in Sunday School work of any Association in either the Georgia or Southern Baptist Conventions.

The 1937 session met with the Second-Ponce de Leon Church, W. H. Faust and H. E. Moody reelected Moderator and Clerk, respectively. G. J. Davis, chairman of Committee on Admissions and Dismissions, reported: "Not prepared to recommend application of the Temple Church because of lack of proper credentials and information."

Dr. Ryland Knight moved that the churches be urged to take a special offering "as soon as possible to help relieve the emergency of the Foreign Mission Board." Motion was unanimously adopted. Dr. W. Lee Cutts offered a resolution, as follows: "That Governor Rivers be asked not to consider any legislation on liquor in the approaching session of the legislature, because the people in the recent referendum voted against beer, wine and liquor in Georgia. We feel that nothing can rightly be done but respect the vote of the people." (In the face of the referendum, the Legislature, with the Governor's approval, passed a resolution by which the counties could vote for beer, wine or liquor.)

The Church Extension Committee reported that the Rocksprings property had been leased to a filling station for \$57 per month. W. E. Denham, Jr., resigned as Baptist Student Union Secretary, to enter the Southern Seminary. Chairman Fuller of the Student Union Committee reported progress on securing a successor to Mr. Denham.

Mr. Will Cox offered the Baptists of Atlanta the Cox College property in College Park on a 99-year lease. Mercer University offered to operate the college as Cox Center of Mercer University, if Mr. Cox would transfer the property to the Holding Commission of the Georgia Baptist Convention, and, provided further, that Atlanta raise a minimum of \$200,000 endowment for the school, or provide \$10,000 annually for the operation of a Standard Junior College.

Moderator Faust appointed the following committee "to consider further the proposal of Cox College, and Mercer's offer, and report back the following year": J. L. Baggott, chairman, Louie D. Newton, W. H. Knight, G. Frank Garrison, E. E. Steele, G. J. Davis, W. A. Duncan, Ryland Knight and Ellis A. Fuller. Dr. Baggott, who had brought the Cox College offer before the Association, reported further that the Secretary of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce had offered to lead a campaign to raise \$400,000 endowment for a Baptist College in Atlanta. (He had led a campaign to raise \$900,000 for Emory University about 1927).

Mrs. Braden's report on Sunday School work emphasized the growing evidence that the Sunday Schools provided the chief channel of evangelistic results. The WMU report indicated that Mrs. L. O. Freeman would retire at the end of the year, having served five years as Superintendent. A silver loving cup had been presented to Mrs. Freeman in appreciation of her leadership. Mrs. J. W. Awtry was elected to succeed Mrs. Freeman.



The 1938 session met with the First Church. Layman G. Frank Garrison was elected Moderator, and Mr. Moody was reelected Clerk. Grove Park Church, Rev. R. D. Walker, pastor, constituted 1938, 158 members, was admitted to membership, as was Fellowship Church, Rev. J. C. Arwood, pastor, constituted 1927, 106 members, from the Noonday Association.

Chairman Baggott reported that the Cox College Committee had no definite recommendations. Chairman Fuller reported that Rev. Solon Couch had been secured as Baptist Student Union Secretary, adding: "Mr. Couch has done a remarkable piece of work, and we thank the Lord for him." Chairman Steele of the Stewardship and Evangelism Committee reported fine response to the city-wide evangelistic campaign in April. Committee on Church Extension reported purchase of lots at intersection of Candler Road and Memorial Drive, \$1,400 cash; and at Confederate Avenue and Woodland Avenue, \$1,550 cash.

Committee composed of G. Frank Garrison, Louie D. Newton, W. W. Gaines, G. J. Davis and F. C. Garrard offered a resolution on the death of Dr. W. H. Major, who died in October, 1938, from which this sentence is quoted: "This Association feels most keenly its loss in the home-going of this good pastor and fellow-laborer, and extends deepest sympathy to his bereaved wife and children and to the Capitol Avenue Church which he served so well for more than 24 years."

The Atlanta BTU again received the banner as the best Associational BTU in Georgia. The Sunday School report revealed sustained progress, with special mention of the enlargement campaign in the spring of 1938.

The 1939 session met with the Druid Hills Church. Mr. Garrison was reelected Moderator, and Mr. Moody was reelected Clerk. Temple Church, Rev. George McLarty, pastor, constituted in 1937, was admitted to membership, 317 members. On motion of W. A. Duncan, the Association approved the Ministers' Retirement Plan and recommended to the churches that they support this agency. On motion of Louie D. Newton a special offering was received for the Stone Mountain Church Building Fund.

Louie D. Newton, Chairman of the Atlanta Committee in charge of the Sixth Congress of the Baptist World Alliance, which met in Atlanta, July 22-29, 1939, reported all bills paid, as certified by auditor, and a balance left of \$31,507.45, which had been distributed to various Baptist agencies and institutions. (See pages 17-18, 1939 Minutes, for detailed reports).

The Executive Committee commended the Cooperative Program to the churches "as the most effective method of financing the Kingdom" and urged the full support of this great movement among Southern Baptists. Pastor L. E. Smith and the Park Avenue Church were commended for the fine work at Candler Road and Memorial Drive, as was the Woodland Hills Church for its Mission at Confederate and Woodland Avenues.

Mrs. Braden reported fine response of the Sunday Schools to the Loyalty Program, which sought to increase attendance at the worship services in all the churches. The BTU report cited the new Story Hour Department, with 33 groups. Miss Mary Whitt of Park Avenue Church was the Intermediate winner at Ridgcrest in the Sword Drill Contest. The BTU reported great satisfaction in its part in the Baptist World Alliance, meeting in Atlanta in 1939.

As Atlanta Baptists moved toward another decade, they were more than ever mindful of the vast residential areas that were opening annually in Atlanta's rapidly growing population. The fields were, indeed, white already unto harvest. They had laid worthy foundations, and they had developed better organizational technique, but they were concerned to find the right strategy and spirit of cooperation in the task at hand and ahead. And with the coming of 1940, they seemed to hear the call: "Go Forward!"

## GO FORWARD

1940 - 1949

WHEN Dr. J. B. Gambrell was near death, Dr. E. C. Routh, then Editor of *The Baptist Standard*, Texas, went to see the grand old Baptist leader, and asked him for a message for Southern Baptists. His eyes brightened, and Dr. Gambrell said: "Tell our Baptist people everywhere to Go Forward!"

In April, 1940, Dr. J. B. Lawrence, Executive Secretary of the Home Mission Board, addressed the Atlanta Baptist Pastors' Conference, outlining his dream of a City Mission Program for Southern Baptists. It was a powerful message, cogently describing the trend of population toward the great urban centers, and the challenge which this situation presented to Southern Baptists. Said Dr. Lawrence:

"We must lay plans now to win these growing throngs in the cities. Atlanta is already one of the greatest mission fields in America, and it will be lost to Baptists if we delay in making adequate plans to win the people to Christ and plant Baptist churches in every new residential community."

Dr. Lawrence so impressed the Atlanta Baptist pastors that they created that day a committee to study anew the whole question of the proposed City Mission Program. Dr. W. Lee Cutts was named chairman of this committee, and at the 1940 session of the Association, recommended that the Association request the Home Mission Board to cooperate with the Association in establishing the first City Mission Program in the Southern Baptist Convention. In November, 1940, the Home Mission Board passed the following resolution:

"That the Executive Secretary be instructed to project a City Mission Program, looking to the establishment of City Missions in the South as funds shall be provided during the next year."

The result of this action was that the Atlanta Association of Baptist Churches, in cooperation with the Home Mission Board, set up the first City Mission Program in the Southern Baptist Convention, and in May, 1941, Dr. S. F. Dowis became the Superintendent of the Atlanta Baptist City Mission Program, and gave the first report of his work at the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Birmingham in 1941. Thus Atlanta Baptists, in 1940,



turned another corner—set another precedent. They were ready to Go Forward.

The 1940 session met with the Baptist Tabernacle. Dr. W. Lee Cutts was elected Moderator, and Mr. Moody was reelected Clerk. Three churches were admitted to membership: Brownwood, Rev. Rex Brown, pastor, constituted in 1940, 73 members; White Oak Hills, Rev. T. P. Whitefield, pastor, 1940, 70 members; Kirkwood Gleaners, Rev. Guy Owen, pastor, 1940, 120 members.

Dr. S. F. Dowis spoke on the Baptist Paper Circulation Campaign. A city-wide Deacon's Dinner had assembled 355 deacons, and the Association recommended a similar meeting in 1941. The Association appropriated \$1,000 to finance a Bible School Enlargement Campaign under the direction of the Sunday School Association. It also voted to purchase a lot in Jefferson Heights, East Point, for \$1,500 cash, for prospective church.

The Executive Committee recommended that: "The Association inaugurate a more distinctive missionary service in the territory of Metropolitan Atlanta in evangelism, enlistment and missions. We recommend the inauguration of such work as of January 1, 1941, through the employment of a City Missionary, whose general field of activities shall be outlined by the Executive Committee. We further recommend that the committee now known as the Stewardship and Evangelism Committee be hereinafter designated the Missionary Committee, and that the new worker be under the direction of this committee." It was this resolution which tied in with the action of the Home Mission Board by which the City Missions Program was established in 1941, under Dr. S. F. Dowis, formerly pastor of the Virginia Avenue Church.

Mrs. Braden reported 23 standard Sunday Schools in 1940. The committee's report went on to say: "The facts attest to the value of the field worker, Mrs. G. L. Braden. She has been tireless in her efforts to promote our Sunday Schools in particular, and the entire Associational program in general, in smaller and larger churches." The BTU report emphasized the successful Enlargement Campaign in 1940, in which more than 100 outside workers were brought to the Association for a week. There were 1,812 registered for the week, with more than 25,000 visits, 189 new units organized and 445 new workers enlisted. Mrs. J. W. Awtry, Superintendent of the Associational WMU work, reported a good year, with Miss Kathleen Mallory and Dr. M. T. Rankin as speakers at the WMU annual meeting.

The 1941 session met with the Second-Ponce de Leon Church, Dr. Cutts and Mr. Moody reelected Moderator and Clerk, respectively. Five churches were admitted to membership:

<i>Church</i>	<i>Pastor</i>	<i>Constituted</i>	<i>Membership</i>
First, Avondale.....	Rev. W. Arnold Smith	1941.....	159
Memorial.....	Rev. W. E. Woody.....	1940.....	46
Eastland Heights.....	Rev. T. Sam Roddy.....	1939.....	41
Wildwood.....	Rev. C. L. Bullard.....	1941.....	27
Constitution .....	Rev. D. I. Teat (From South River Association)		

Dr. S. F. Dowis made his first report as Superintendent of the new City Mission Program, and the Association adopted a resolution expressing appreciation to the Home Mission Board for its selection of the Atlanta Association for the initial venture in this new and far-reaching program, and pledging to Dr. Dowis and the Home Mission Board the hearty cooperation of the Association. The resolution further urged the churches to increase their appropriations for the City Missions Program and all the work of the Association.

The Association adopted a resolution on church-state separation, saying: "The religious liberty so dearly bought by our fathers must be preserved and the separation of church and state as a part of that liberty must be maintained."

The Executive Committee reported heartening response to the Hundred Thousand Club movement, with 585 members of record, and the goal of "a debtless denomination by 1945," when the Southern Baptist Convention would observe its Centennial. The Executive Committee also reported generous response to the appeal for British and Chinese missions.

Dr. W. A. Duncan reported for the Sunday School Association, citing the fact that the Atlanta Baptist Sunday School Association was given more than an hour at Ridgecrest in the summer of 1941 to report on its achievement as a Standard Associational Unit. The BSU Secretary reported Piedmont and Eggleston Hospitals cooperating with the Baptist Student program, also Lawson General and Fort McPherson Hospitals, Southern Dental College, Washington Seminary, and Georgia Military Academy. The BTU reported changes in Standards of Excellence, and also changes in the types of programs in the monthly meetings, all of this aimed at bettering the standard of BTU work. Mrs. Awtry reported another year of progress in WMU work.

The 1942 session met with the First Church, Decatur, Dr. Dick H. Hall, Jr., pastor. Layman Parks R. Warnock was elected Mod-

erator, and Mr. Moody was reelected Clerk. Three new churches were admitted to membership: Cleveland Avenue, Rev. E. B. Slay, pastor, constituted 1942, 41 members; Beecher Hills, Rev. S. F. Dowis, acting pastor, 1942, 61 members; Mozley Drive, Rev. S. M. White, pastor, 1941, 152 members.

Louie D. Newton offered following telegram to be sent by the Association to U.S. Senators Walter F. George and Richard B. Russell: "The Atlanta Association of Baptist Churches in 34th annual session earnestly urges your support of Senate Bill 860 or other legislation that will restrict sale of alcoholic beverages in or near military bases."

Committee composed of W. A. Duncan, Louie D. Newton, Marshall Nelms, B. L. Bugg, Wiley L. Moore, S. F. Dowis, Mrs. V. M. Womack and Mrs. Harriett Bloodworth Jackson was appointed to promote the campaign to raise \$100,000 for endowment at Bessie Tift College.

Mrs. John L. Priest was named Educational Secretary of the Sunday School Association, January, 1942, succeeding Mrs. G. L. Braden, who had served in this important post for 12 years. Rev. L. E. Smith, who had been serving as chairman of the Promotion Committee, suggested that this committee be discontinued, since its work had been taken over by the Executive Committee.

Dr. J. L. Baggott succeeded Dr. Ellis A. Fuller as chairman of the Committee on Baptist Student Work, Dr. Fuller having accepted the presidency of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Mrs. V. M. Womack, having succeeded Mrs. J. W. Awtry as Superintendent of the WMU work in the Association, reported a good year, with a generous response to the Hundred Thousand Club. The death of Mrs. W. O. Mitchell, first Assistant Superintendent of WMU work in the Association, brought a sense of great loss to the work.

A feature of the 1942 session was the report of the Brotherhood Committee, M. E. Coleman, chairman, in which Mr. Coleman pointed out activities of the Brotherhood during the year in service to the soldiers, and indicating further fields of service in which the men of the churches might be enlisted.

A word about the First Baptist Church, Decatur, in which the 1942 session met, takes us back almost 100 years. Constituted in 1862, almost 50 years after the City of Decatur was incorporated, the Decatur Baptist Church, as it was long known, had for its first pastor Adam Tunno Holmes, who had been pastor of the First Church, Atlanta. The church worshipped in the Presbyterian meet-



inghouse until 1871, when the lot at Church Street and Trinity Place was purchased. On that commanding corner the church grew and prospered under the leadership of such distinguished pastors as A. J. Beck, F. M. Daniel, H. H. Tucker, David Shaver, B. D. Ragsdale, J. Ellis Sammons, J. M. Haymore and A. J. Moncrief, who served from 1924 until 1940, when Dr. Dick H. Hall, Jr., became pastor. In 1951 the church moved to its present site—one of the most beautiful in the Southern Baptist Convention. The church reported 3,265 members in 1957.

The 1943 session met with Central Church. Mr. Warnock was reelected Moderator, and Mr. Moody was reelected Clerk. The Association resumed the earlier pattern of the annual sermon, and Dr. John H. Buchanan of Southside Church, Birmingham, was the preacher. Everyone was pleased with the return to a sermon at the sessions of the Association. Loring Heights Church, Rev. Claud L. Underwood, pastor, constituted 1943, 40 members, was admitted to membership.

Louie D. Newton offered a resolution "respectfully and earnestly requesting the War Production Board to give favorable consideration to the request of the St. Simons Island Baptist Church for materials with which to erect a meetinghouse, and to other churches that are undertaking to provide places of worship for the people in this crucial hour of the nation's life." (Materials were being allowed for dog-race grandstands).

Solon Couch had resigned as Baptist Student Secretary to serve as Chaplain in the Army, and Miss Mary Reins served in the interim until Rev. Joe Abstance assumed his duties as Baptist Student Secretary for the Association. The BTU report indicated cooperation in serving the soldiers, the Radio Bible Quiz program, the Easter Sunrise Service.

Feature of the BTU report in 1943 was the inauguration of "M" Night, suggested by Mr. Calvin Pratt of the First Church and adopted by State Secretary Gainer Bryan, and later by the Training Union organization of the Southern Baptist Convention. The July issue of *The Baptist Training Union Magazine*, 1943, featured this innovation, "Mobilization for Christ," which has now become an annual event throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. Mrs. Priest reported 105 person at the annual Blue and Gold Seal Banquet in 1942, the first such banquet under the new study course credit system. Mrs. Womack reported another good year in WMU work, Mrs. Peter Kittles, State President, having addressed the annual WMU meeting. Recurring to the Sunday School report, Mrs. Priest announced that five churches had established libraries, and the

State Sunday School Convention had met in the Druid Hills Church in April, 1943.

The 1944 session of the Association met with the Baptist Tabernacle. Rev. L. E. Smith, pastor of the Park Avenue Church, was elected Moderator, and Mr. Moody was reelected Clerk. Dr. Zeno Wall, North Carolina, was the preacher. Mr. H. E. Moody, who had served as Clerk of the Association since 1921, died a few weeks after the 1944 session, November 29, 1944. The 1944 Minutes carried a page memorial to Mr. Moody in appreciation of his long and faithful service.

Four new churches were received into the Association in 1944: Sylvester Church, Rev. R. C. Henry, pastor, 226 members, Stone Mountain Association; Lockwood, later called Hillside, and still later Venetian Hills, Rev. E. B. Slay, pastor, constituted 1944, 50 members; Boulevard Heights, Rev. L. E. McArthur, pastor, 37 members; Hill Street, Rev. E. E. Cooper, pastor, 1942, 133 members.

Telegram from Russian Baptists was read, thanking Atlanta Baptists for Kits for Russia. Louie D. Newton was invited to visit Russia in 1946, along with six other Americans, to inspect the use to which gifts from the American people were put, and to study the life of the Russian people in their post-war program of rehabilitation.

Louie D. Newton offered a resolution, requesting the Association to join with the Atlanta Baptist Pastors' Conference in an invitation to the Southern Baptist Convention to hold its Centennial Session in Atlanta in 1945. (The invitation was accepted, but the Convention was not allowed to meet, due to war-time restrictions on travel.) Dr. J. L. Baggott amended the resolution to invite the Convention in 1945 by authorizing a Centennial Evangelistic Crusade. Louie D. Newton offered a motion, providing for a one-day session of the Association in the spring of 1945 for inspirational addresses and a general study of all our Baptist work, with one address on Baptist History, and one address on Distinctive Baptist Doctrines.

The Association and the Georgia Baptist Convention opened a Baptist Service Center at 106½ Forsyth Street for the men and women in the military services. Pastor John Daniel of the Fortified Hills Church had charge of the Service Center, working with a committee of which J. L. Baggott was chairman.

Mrs. E. E. Steele succeeded Mrs. Priest as Educational Director in 1944. The BTU reported Intermediate Night, April 28, 1944,

with more than 900 Intermediates meeting at the First Church, and South-wide Secretary Henry Rogers in charge of the program.

The 1945 session met with the Capitol View Church, Dr. W. Lee Cutts, pastor. Rev. L. E. Smith was reelected Moderator, and Layman Milton L. Holcombe was elected Clerk, succeeding Mr. H. E. Moody, who had died in November, 1944. Dr. Perry Webb, Texas, was the preacher.

Four new churches were admitted to membership in 1945: Jefferson Avenue, Rev. Paul A. Meigs, pastor, constituted 1945, 167 members; North Decatur Road, Rev. E. E. Steele, acting pastor, 1945, 35 members; Simsville, Rev. Ralph Coker, pastor, 1945, 28 members; Bethel, Rev. Harvey Graham, pastor, 1944.

The Executive Committee reported three city-wide Schools of Missions in 1945, attended by 25,046 persons from 53 churches, with 700 decisions. The Church Extension Committee reported purchases of five new lots: Camp McElroy, Lakewood, Simsville, Hightower Road, and Alma Street. J. Omer Jones, serving in 1945 as chairman of the Service Center Committee, reported 53,464 guests during the year, representing a cooperative effort of 52 churches and an estimated expenditure of more than \$15,000.

The BTU report cited a new venture in a "class for deacons," attended by more than 200 men. The Sunday School report announced a Southwide Clinic for teachers, to be held in Atlanta in April and May, 1946. There were 33 standard Sunday Schools in the Association in 1945. Mrs. S. D. Katz had been elected Superintendent of the WMU work, succeeding Mrs. V. M. Womack. The annual meeting of the WMU in 1945 was held with the Druid Hills Church.

The 1946 session met with the First Church. Dr. G. J. Davis was elected Moderator, and Mr. Holcombe was reelected Clerk. Dr. S. F. Dowis was the preacher. West Haven Church (later Hightower Road), Rev. F. P. Loman, pastor, constituted 1946, 32 members, and Bolton Church, Rev. Dallas Sexton, pastor, 1946, were admitted to membership.

Report of the spring meeting of the Association, held at the First Church, March 19, 1946, was made by the Moderator, Dr. G. J. Davis. He reported addresses and sermons by Dr. H. H. Hobbs, Mobile, Dr. John H. Buchanan and Dr. L. L. Gwaltney, Birmingham, E. E. Steele, H. T. Daniel, Charles W. Daniel and Louie D. Newton, and the unanimous decision to hold a similar meeting in the spring of 1947.



The following resolution was adopted: "Be it resolved that the Atlanta Association of Baptist Churches receive and sponsor the Atlanta Baptist Bible School as organized by the Atlanta Baptist Pastors' Conference, and that the present board of trustees continue supervision of this school until standing committee is appointed to supervise the school." (See page 14, 1946 Minutes.)

Resolution was adopted regarding churches using city or county property and equipment on church property "because the names of Baptist churches have appeared in newspapers, revealing this practice which has brought said churches into disrepute with the general public." Resolution of thanks to Louie D. Newton "for the heroic fight he has made and is making to keep President Truman from sending an ambassador to the Vatican" was passed.

The Executive Committee reported that the Baptist Service Center was closed April 26, 1946. The report went on to say: "During the two years of its operation, 96,830 members of the armed services visited the Center, with nine foreign countries represented among the visitors. This work was loyally supported by our churches as revealed in the fact that there was a balance of \$716 in the treasury when the Center was closed." The report was signed by J. Omer Jones, chairman.

The Church Extension Committee reported a lack of funds to meet the increasing needs of new lots for churches in rapidly growing communities. Edwin B. Peel was introduced as the new Administrator of the Georgia Baptist Hospital.

The Sunday School report showed six Regional Training Schools in 1946, with an enrollment of 895, representing 62 churches. Rev. Joe Abstance resigned as Baptist Student Secretary during 1946. He was succeeded by Rev. I. B. Hall, who came from his pastorate at Warrenton, Georgia. The BTU report for 1946 cited Hagan Baskin of the Druid Hills Church as south-wide winner of the Sword Drill Contest at Ridgecrest, and George Field of the First Church as winner of the south-wide Better Speakers' Contest.

The 1947 session met with the Druid Hills Church. Rev. J. C. Daniel, pastor of the Fortified Hills Church, was elected Moderator, and Mr. Holcombe was reelected Clerk. Dr. David J. Evans, pastor of the Gordon Street Church, was the preacher.

Report of the spring meeting of the Association, held February 28, 1947, in the First Church, stated that the following men had delivered addresses: Dr. C. C. Warren, "The Church Extension Program" and "Evangelism Our Baptist Essential"; Dr. S. L. Stealey, "Christian Doctrines and Baptist Principles"; Dr. Rufus

D. Hodges, "The Bible Our Baptist Fundamental"; Louie D. Newton, "The Baptist's Place in Today's World"; and Dr. Chester Swor, no subject given. The Association again voted to make these spring meetings a fixed policy.

The Association voted to cooperate with the clothing appeal for Europeans. The tragic death of Mr. B. M. Callaway in an automobile accident brought a sense of deep sorrow and loss to the Baptists of Atlanta. The Church Extension Committee reported purchase of a lot on Connally Drive in East Point, and the Second-Ponce de Leon Church had purchased a lot on Wieuca Road with the announcement that a church would be located on this strategic lot.

The Pryor Street Mission was established in 1947 under the leadership of the Missions Committee, Dr. J. L. Baggott, chairman, through the following action: "The Pulliam Street Mission has been moved into the Goodwill Baptist Church property on Pryor Street, and the name has been changed to Pryor Street Mission. Both the church and the mission will use this property. Brother Lester Jones is now serving full time in the Mission." The committee further reported that Mrs. J. Carl Britton was doing an excellent work with the "silent group."

The Baptist Student Committee reported that a lot had been purchased at 365 Ponce de Leon Avenue, N. E., costing \$12,000, and the students were proposing to furnish the labor in the erection of the first unit of a Baptist Student Center for the Baptist students in the various institutions of Metropolitan Atlanta.

The Atlanta Baptist Bible School Committee reported its best year. Courses had been extended to six, meeting three nights per week in the First Church, with the following teachers: J. C. Daniel, John E. Evans, J. E. Dillard, Jr., Roy Niager, C. C. Buckalew and E. E. Steele. Rev. J. C. Daniel was chairman of the board of trustees. Other members: James P. Wesberry, E. E. Steele, Sydney E. Cox and W. E. Woody.

A special committee had been appointed to study the question of teaching the Bible in the public schools. The committee reported: "Believing that the teaching of the Bible in the public schools would violate the principle of church-state separation, as Baptists have held, we urge in lieu of this, an even greater effort of the home and the church in this supreme task of Christian instruction of our youth." The further suggestion was offered that the Vacation Bible Schools might be extended to six weeks, and that the Baptist Student Union program emphasize Bible study in

all the work with Baptist students. Members of this committee on Bible Study in the Schools: J. L. Baggott, Parks R. Warnock, Roy Niager and W. A. Duncan.

Mr. John Jeter Hurt, Jr., had been elected Editor of *The Christian Index* in July, 1947, and he was introduced for the first time in the Association that year.

The WMU report indicated a plan to purchase a permanent location for the Kate Pendleton Dawson Goodwill Center, and further that the WMU foster the work of the Jackson Goodwill Center on Frazer Street for Negro children. Dr. Josiah Crudup, president of Brenau College, addressed the WMU annual meeting.

The 1948 session met with the Inman Park Church. Rev. J. C. Daniel was reelected Moderator and Mr. Holcombe was reelected Clerk. Dr. Monroe Swilley was the preacher. This was a notable session in the fact that one of the largest number of churches ever admitted to membership in the Association were received in 1948, as follows:

<i>Church</i>	<i>Pastor</i>	<i>Constituted</i>	<i>Membership</i>
Connally Drive.....	Rev. E. E. Cooper.....	1947.....	52
Daleview.....	Rev. W. H. Harding, Sr. ....	1947.....	60
Decatur Heights.....	Rev. P. R. Morwell.....	1930.....	149
Glen Haven.....	Rev. R. S. Hardeman ....	1947.....	50
Lake Clair.....	Rev. W. Courtney Oakes ....	1947.....	96
Pine Lake.....	Rev. W. Ches Smith, III .....	1948.....	73
Pryor Street.....	Rev. A. B. Welch.....	1945.....	75
Vinings First.....	Rev. L. B. Fuller.....	1948.....	36

The Association adopted a resolution of appreciation for the fine work of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Steele: "We express deep appreciation to Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Steele for the fine work they have done in and for the Atlanta Association of Baptist Churches, the effects of which will live forever." Brother Steele was Superintendent of City Missions, having succeeded Dr. S. F. Dowis in 1943, when he was named Superintendent of City Missions of the Home Mission Board, and Mrs. Steele was Educational Director of the Sunday School work of the Association.

A resolution of appreciation was adopted, commending Councilman Archie Lindsey for his courageous leadership in the fight to revoke the license to sell beer in the Municipal Auditorium in the City of Atlanta.

The Baptist Student Committee reported that the first unit of the new Baptist Student Center, 365 Ponce de Leon Avenue, N. E.,



Atlanta, had been completed, with only \$385 spent for labor—the students doing practically all the work themselves. The building was valued at \$20,000.

The Atlanta Baptist Bible School reported 51 students. The report went on to say: "The interest manifested in our school is clear evidence that there is great need for a much better organized and supported Baptist School in Atlanta. We see here the nucleus for a future theological seminary."

The BTU report in 1948 recommended that someone be appointed as overall chairman on visual aids for the Association. The BTU had sponsored two trips to Birmingham during the year for conferences on BTU work, under the direction of Mrs. L. W. deJarnette. The Brotherhood Committee in 1948 was composed of Joe Holliday, chairman, B. M. Callaway, Fred Thomas, E. B. Shivers and Paul James. The Sunday School report emphasized the "Inside Enlargement Campaign" in 1948, 71 churches participating. The WMU report called attention to a shipment of candles to several foreign countries to enable the people to have light in their homes. Louie D. Newton, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, addressed the annual WMU meeting. Mrs. Paul Etheridge, president of the Georgia Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, also addressed the meeting.

The 1949 session met with the First Church. Rev. E. E. Steele was elected Moderator, and Mr. Holcombe was reelected Clerk. Dr. Dick H. Hall, Jr., pastor of the First Church, Decatur, was the preacher. Three new churches were admitted to membership: Peoples Church, Rev. Horace McLeod, pastor, constituted 1948, 97 members; Candler Road Church, Rev. W. E. Woody, pastor, 1949, 22 members; Latimer Memorial Church, Rev. Marcus Drake, pastor, 1947, 71 members. Vinings Church was dismissed to join Noonday Association.

The Executive Committee reported purchase of two new sites for churches, Scott Boulevard and North Decatur Road, and Columbia Drive in Decatur. The First Church, Decatur, proposed to sponsor these new churches. It was recommended that the board of trustees of the Atlanta Baptist Bible School be abolished, and in place of the trustees a committee be appointed to promote the Mercer Extension School. This recommendation was made by Dr. W. A. Duncan, chairman of the Mercer Extension Committee for the Association. Rev. J. C. Daniel was named Dean of the Mercer Extension School in the Association.

Highlight of the 1949 session was the introduction of Dr. J. L. Baggott, new Superintendent of Missions, who had resigned the

pastorate of the First Church, College Park, to take up this important work upon the resignation of Rev. E. E. Steele, due to illness. Dr. Baggott thrilled the Association with his outline of activities which he proposed in a time when the theme of Baptists everywhere was, Go Forward.

Dr. Baggott reported that the Pryor Street Mission was paid for, and that Rev. Gordon Price had succeeded Rev. Lester Jones as pastor at the Mission; that Mrs. J. C. Britton was continuing her fine work with the "silent group"; that Mr. and Mrs. Mann, assisted by some of the college students, were rendering fine service at the new Short Street Mission; and that Brother Krogh at Highland Mission, Brother Chamblee at Bennett Street Mission, and Brother Richards at Cambridge Avenue Mission were all doing good work.

Mr. Henry Greer had succeeded Rev. I. B. Hall as Baptist Student Union Secretary in 1948, and the Baptist Student Committee in 1949 reported fine progress in the Baptist Student Center and in the several institutions. Mrs. E. E. Steele having resigned as Educational Director of the Associational Sunday School work, Miss Maud Kay was elected in 1949, and she began her work in the midst of the visitation program which had been adopted as the feature of Sunday School work in the Association in 1949. The BTU report in 1949 called attention to the new radio program every week in which Training Union objectives were kept before the people. Mrs. J. G. Senn succeeded Mrs. S. D. Katz as Superintendent of WMU work in the Association, and the report for 1949 indicated the steady progress of Woman's Missionary Union in all of its many-sided activities.

The year 1949 ended with a note of deep sorrow for Atlanta Baptists in the death of the beloved former Superintendent of City Missions, Rev. E. E. Steele, on December 30.

With the close of another decade, Atlanta Baptists gave thanks unto God for His blessings on their past labors, but kept their faces toward the future, ever mindful of The Unfinished Task.

## THE UNFINISHED TASK

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THERE remaineth yet very much land to be possessed," declared the Lord unto Joshua, when the faithful old man was stricken in years, adding: "This is the land that yet remaineth . . ." and He went on to describe the vast areas and the multitude of people yet unreached. Well might Joshua have said: "We face the unfinished task in the work of the Lord."

Deeply grateful for God's favor upon the first four decades of their labors as an Association, Atlanta Baptists were keenly aware of The Unfinished Task as they faced the great years of the 50's in the Twentieth Century. They were immeasurably richer in experience, and more deeply convinced than ever that *Christ Is the Answer*, and the only answer to the poignant needs of a great and growing urban community. With Paul they were ready to ask: "Who is sufficient for these things?" And with Paul they were equally ready to answer in humility and certitude: "If God be for us, who can be against us?"

Enheartened by the coming of Dr. J. L. Baggott to take up the important work as Superintendent of City Missions—building on the sure foundations of McCutcheon and Robertson and Purser and Davis and Dowis and Steele—and with tokens of God's favor and blessing on every hand, Atlanta Baptists paused for a season of prayer, and arose to meet the new decade with a renewed sense of God's presence and power and peace. They were deeply resolved to give their best to The Unfinished Task, for Christ's sake.

The 1950 session met with the Fortified Hills Church. Rev. L. H. Miller, pastor of the Oakhurst Church, was elected Moderator, and Mr. Holcombe was reelected Clerk. Rev. Paul Aiken, pastor of the Kirkwood Church, was the preacher. Four new churches were received into membership in 1950: Columbia Drive, Rev. J. Don Aderhold, pastor, constituted 1949, 162 members; Fairfax Church, Rev. W. D. Smith, pastor, 1950, 45 members; Scott Boulevard Church, 1950, 61 members; and Alvin Drive Church, Rev. Jim Pritchett, pastor, 1950, 85 members. Glen Haven Church was dismissed to join the Stone Mountain Association.

The Association paused in grateful memory of Rev. E. E. Steele, who died December 30, 1949.

A committee composed of Rev. E. G. Kilpatrick, chairman, Paul S. James, Dick H. Hall, Jr., and Monroe Swilley was appointed to



"study the advisability and possibility of establishing a Junior College in Atlanta."

The following resolution, signed by Paul S. James, H. T. Daniel and James P. Wesberry, was adopted: "Because Baptists believe in soul-winning and have always been in the forefront in evangelism, we urge whole-hearted support of the Billy Graham Crusade, starting October 29, and the simultaneous Evangelistic Campaign from March 26 through April 8, next spring."

The Committee on Church Extension, G. Frank Garrison, chairman, "has sought diligently to locate a suitable site for a church in the Lindbergh and Morosgo area, but has not acquired title to any property since the last Association."

E. Warren Woolf began his work as Baptist Student Union Secretary at Georgia School of Technology in 1950, "his salary paid by the First Church and the Georgia Baptist Convention, with the Associational BSU helping with operating expenses." The first city-wide Youth Revival was conducted by the BSU at the Baptist Tabernacle, May 15-20, 1950, with Howard Butt and Jackie Robinson preaching, 631 decisions.

The Association borrowed \$7,500 from the Home Mission Board for a building at the Pryor Street Mission. The BTU reported development of the Story Hour program. The Sunday School report emphasized the blessings of a special day of visitation, with more than 50 churches participating. The WMU held its annual meeting with the Kirkwood Church, with addresses by Dr. S. F. Lowe, Rev. Lloyd Corder, Rev. Glendon McCullough and Rev. Paul S. James.

Mr. John C. Warr was introduced to the Association as the new Manager of the Georgia Baptist Childrens Home at Hapeville and Baxley.

Some interesting history comes to mind as we pause a moment to think about the host church in 1950, Fortified Hills. It gets its name from a sub-division, so named because the hills round about were heavily fortified during the War between the States. The First Church sponsored a work in this section, resulting in the constituting of Fortified Hills Baptist Church in 1913. Rev. E. E. Woodson was the first pastor, followed by Rev. Chauncey L. Foote, Rev. Thomas R. Morgan, Rev. A. C. Henley, Rev. W. S. Weir, Rev. J. H. Coin, Rev. W. P. Hines, and since 1936 Rev. John C. Daniel, who has served so faithfully and wisely. The church reported 1,017 members in 1957.

The 1951 session met with the Oakhurst Church, Rev. L. H. Miller, pastor, and Pastor Miller was elected Moderator. Mr. Hol-

combe was reelected Clerk. Rev. D. V. Cason, pastor of the First Church, Hapeville, was the preacher. Three new churches were received into the membership of the Association: Newton Estates Church, Rev. S. H. Odom, pastor, constituted 1951, 70 members; Cambridge Avenue Church, Rev. Charles S. Rush, pastor, 1951, 42 members; and Oglethorpe Church, Rev. Hugh G. James, pastor, 1951, 78 members.

The committee appointed in 1950 to study the advisability and feasibility of establishing a Baptist Junior College in Atlanta reported: "We recommend that the Mercer Extension School, already existing at First Church, be enlarged to offer Bible courses to any of the ministerial students and Christian workers now in the Atlanta Division of the University of Georgia or in the city who desire Bible courses. We further recommend that the Moderator appoint a committee of seven to further study this matter, and report at the 1952 session of the Association."

The Committee on Church Extension reported cooperation with the First Church, College Park, in purchasing a site for the Newton Estates Church, to the extent of \$1,333. The committee further recommended expenditure of \$1,000 for lot at Sewell and Lynhurst Roads for future site of Mozley Drive Church, which will likely change its name. The committee reported sale of the lot at Burke and Piedmont Roads "for quite a nice profit."

The Committee on Baptist Student Union work reported Miss Anita Ashby as new BSU worker at the Georgia Baptist Hospital School of Nursing. The BSU organization had led in a campaign to terminate the licenses of beer and liquor stores within a two-block radius of the Georgia Baptist Hospital. "We are still expecting results to come from this effort," the report continued.

The Committee on Christian Literature and Church Libraries, Dr. David J. Evans, chairman, declared: "A church library is of essential importance in making possible for all of our people the kind of literature that is uplifting and edifying. There are only 28 church libraries in the Association, and six of these are not active."

Louie D. Newton offered a resolution: "Recording our regret and concern in the effort of the President of the United States to establish diplomatic relations with the Vatican by naming General Mark Clark as Ambassador to this ecclesiastical state." (General Clark declined the appointment, and President Truman dropped his effort.) Louie D. Newton offered a resolution: "We earnestly and respectfully call upon all responsible officials to use the evidence

readily available to them and to all citizens in immediately confiscating every slot machine in DeKalb and Fulton Counties, and in closing the liquor stores in DeKalb County, operated in a dry county under Federal tax stamps."

The Sunday School report in 1951 cited the city-wide census as one of the explanations of the successful evangelistic meetings and the growth of the Sunday Schools. Rev. E. G. Kilpatrick, chairman of the Brotherhood Committee in 1951, reported seven new Brotherhoods organized during the year, bringing the total number of Brotherhoods in the Association to 55, with combined membership of approximately 2,500. The WMU report called attention to progress in community missions. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dennis Rowden, missionaries to Israel, addressed the annual WMU meeting.

A word about the host church in 1951 renews the interesting story of Oakhurst Church, constituted August 31, 1913, with Rev. C. W. Hudson as the first pastor, followed by Brother Gill, Rev. John Faulkner, Brother Collins, Brother Witherington, Rev. J. F. Eden, Rev. Alex Copeland, Rev. F. A. Bone, Rev. F. W. Rollins, Rev. A. B. Couch, Rev. L. H. Miller, and now Rev. T. E. Dougherty since 1954. The Oakhurst Church is moving to its impressive seven-acre site on West College Street in Decatur as it completes the new meetinghouse in the coming months. The church reported 1,422 members in 1957.

The 1952 session met with the First Church, East Point, Dr. W. A. Duncan, pastor. Dr. E. B. Shivers was elected Moderator, and Mr. Holcombe was reelected Clerk. Rev. Louis Kennedy, pastor of the Brookhaven Church, was the preacher. And 1952 tied the record of churches admitted to membership in the Association:

<i>Church</i>	<i>Pastor</i>	<i>Constituted</i>	<i>Membership</i>
Bouldercrest.....	Rev. C. J. Johnson .....	1952.....	27
East Atlanta.....	Rev. H. D. Goolsby .....	1949.....	229
Gleaners.....	Rev. R. C. Smallwood .....	1952.....	70
New Fellowship.....	Rev. Robert Hesson .....	1951.....	49
Northside Drive.....	Rev. W. L. Selman .....	1952.....	97
Perkerson.....	Rev. J. Ted Cosmato .....	1952.....	62
Rehoboth.....	Rev. Lester Buice .....	1854.....	556
Second Avenue.....	Rev. Howard Johnson .....	1952.....	93
Trinity.....	Rev. H. P. Briggs .....	1952.....	240

The Association voted to join with the Atlanta Church Women in the effort to eliminate the sale of beer in food stores. The following resolution was adopted:



"That we fraternally and respectfully oppose the proposal by the Christian Council of Atlanta to ask the Board of Education to grant the churches the special favor of releasing pupils from the regular school day for Bible instruction in the churches or elsewhere."

Another important resolution adopted:

"We express appreciation to the State Department for its good offices in promptly insisting that recent restrictions by Italy against our brethren of the Churches of Christ be withdrawn, and, second, that we petition the State Department to conduct further investigation of alleged persecution of U. S. missionaries in Colombia, and other lands."

Rev. Homer Johnson was enlisted under the Missions Committee to do part-time work as Chaplain at Grady Hospital. Mozley Drive Church changed its name to West Manor Church. Miss Martha Gillespie was employed as part-time BSU worker in the Georgia Baptist Hospital School of Nursing. The Baptist Student Committee reported purchase of a dwelling near the Tech campus for a BSU Center, located at 734 Techwood Drive.

The Atlanta Baptist School Committee reported a conference with President Spright Dowell of Mercer University and Dr. P. H. Anderson, Director of the Mercer Extension Department, about the possibility of having a full-time teacher to head the Extension School in Atlanta. The committee reported encouragement, with President Dowell promising \$2,000 for the proposed teacher in Atlanta, if additional funds could be secured.

The BTU reported a successful encampment at Salem Camp Ground, May 17, 1952, for the Intermediates, under the direction of Rev. Pat Mehaffey. The Brotherhood Committee, B. M. Callaway, Jr., chairman, reported 66 Brotherhoods in the Association, 10 of these having been organized the previous year. The committee recommended an Associational organization of the Brotherhood work at the earliest possible date. The report praised the work of Rev. Homer Johnson with the Juvenile Court, and called attention to the many opportunities for further work on the part of the laymen. J. D. Aderhold was named chairman of Brotherhood work for 1953. The Sunday School report indicated a Cradle Roll Department in every church, and expressed appreciation of the response of 83 churches to the Associational Enlargement Campaign, February 24-29, 1952. Mrs. S. L. Astin succeeded Mrs. J. G. Senn as Superintendent of the WMU work. The annual meeting was held at Druid Hills, with special addresses by Mrs. C. D. Creasman.

The 1953 session met with Kirkwood and Sharon Churches. Dr. Shivers and Mr. Holcombe were reelected Moderator and Clerk, respectively. Rev. Clarence Sessions, pastor of Beecher Hills Church, was the preacher. Nine new churches were admitted to membership—the same number as 1952:

<i>Church</i>	<i>Pastor</i>	<i>Constituted</i>	<i>Membership</i>
Brown Mill Park.....	Rev. Fred Stanley .....	1953.....	47
Clairmont.....	Rev. Scott Patterson ..	1953.....	20
Corinth.....	Rev. W. N. Tarlton ..	1940.....	231
Glenwood.....	Rev. Homer Johnson.....	1953.....	58
Lakeview.....	Rev. Alex Shores .....	1953.....	161
Pine Grove.....	Rev. J. C. Willard .....	1952.....	24
Riverview.....	Rev. C. H. Ellington ..	1950.....	57
Sandtown.....	Rev. Ray Heflin .....	1953.....	55
Woodlawn.....	.....	1953.....	69

Rev. J. Omer Jones, chairman of a special committee authorized by the Missions Committee, recommended: "That Pryor Street Baptist Church and the Pryor Street Mission continue in close cooperation. The Mission and the Church shall have the same person as Director of the Mission and Pastor of the Church. Three qualified men shall be presented to the church and from these three one shall be elected to serve as Pastor of the Church and Director of the Mission. These men are to be agreed upon by the Pulpit Committee of the Church and the Missions Committee of the Association before appearing before the Church."

The Executive Committee reported that the office space of the Association had been increased, an office secretary secured, and greater emphasis given Sunday School work in the Association; that the work among Negroes had been placed under the supervision of a special committee; that the Literature and Library Committee had been reactivated; and that a weekly page of Associational news was appearing in *The Christian Index*.

The Church Extension Committee, Rev. R. L. O'Brien, chairman, reported purchase of lot for Perkerson Church on Springdale Road; shared cost of lot for Glenwood Hills Church; that Park Avenue Church had bought lot on Columbia Drive for Woodlawn Church; purchase of lot at Clairmont Road and Clairmont Terrace from Brookhaven Church; purchase of six acres near Bouldercrest Drive and Brannon Road for Lakeview Church; and commended Cascade Church for purchase of lot for Sandtown Church.

Associational Brotherhood had been organized June 22, 1953, at a supper meeting at Second-Ponce de Leon Church. Rev. Ray

Heflin succeeded Rev. Homer Johnson as Chaplain at Grady Hospital and worker in the Juvenile Court. The proposal of a city-wide recreational program under Baptist auspices was referred to the Missions Committee for study and recommendation. Support was withdrawn from the Highland Mission "because we are not getting ample returns from what we are investing." William Henry Greer resigned as BSU Secretary, December, 1952, and Douglas Dillard was named to succeed him, June 1, 1953, as Area Student Secretary rather than City-wide Student Secretary.

The Atlanta Baptist School Committee made no definite recommendations in 1953, but observed: "Though our committee is convinced of the need, we find that the type of school needed and the way and time to begin it are still debatable and require further investigation and study. We suggest that our pastors and churches support and promote our Mercer Extension School until we have a better Baptist school in our Association." The report was signed by Rev. J. C. Daniel, chairman.

The Sunday School report indicated Sunday Schools in each of the 120 churches in 1952. Mr. Harry P. Wootan, Sr., was elected as Promotional Secretary of the Sunday School work in 1953. The Brotherhood Committee, Rev. J. D. Aderhold, chairman, reported following list of officers, chosen in 1952 for the Associational Brotherhood: President, Tom Butler, Morningside Church; Vice-Presidents, Henry Jackson, West End Church, L. Waits Guthrie, Capitol Avenue Church, and Ray Kimsey; Secretary-Treasurer, Jim Poage, Avondale Estates First Church; Music Director, George Crawford. The 1953 session of the Atlanta WMU was held at the First Church, Decatur, Mrs. S. L. Astin presiding. Mrs. Carlton Binns offered a resolution warning against a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia regarding grants for education without sufficient definition of types of schools to which such grants might go. The contention in Mrs. Binns' resolution was to safeguard the cherished principle of church-state separation.

The 1954 session met with First Church, Hapeville, and Woodland Hills Church. Rev. R. L. O'Brien, pastor of Capitol Avenue Church, was elected Moderator, and Mr. Holcombe was reelected Clerk. Rev. Thomas J. Holmes, pastor of the First Church, College Park, was the preacher. Five new churches were admitted to membership: New Hope-Cascade Church, Rev. Leon Piper, pastor, constituted 1870, 164 members; Marantha Church, Rev. Henry G. Hewatt, Jr., pastor, 1954, 88 members; North Clayton Church, Rev. Royce Smith, pastor, 1953, 82 members; Stamps Chapel, Rev. Charles S. Callahan, pastor, 1937, 178 members; and Wieuca Road



Church, 1954, 394 members. Pryor Street Church was dropped from the list, "since it had ceased to operate as a church." The congregation had voted to become a Chapel, to be related to a Baptist church, selected by the Executive Committee of the Association. Sylvan Hills Church agreed to sponsor the Chapel. Dr. Charles E. Vickery, who had become Director of the Pryor Street Mission, conducted the services in the Pryor Street Chapel, and this arrangement worked well.

The Executive Committee made the following recommendation:

"That the Atlanta Association of Baptist Churches enter into the project of developing a Summer Assembly Program. That the Association purchase the Century Club property for approximately \$75,000. That the Finance Committee be charged with the responsibility of working out details of financing the purchase of the property, and present such plans to the Executive Committee of the Association for approval and execution."

The Missions Committee reported a Simultaneous School of Missions under the direction of Superintendent Baggott, with 81 churches participating and 33 churches outside the Association reached by missionaries.

The Church Extension Committee reported purchase of lots for the Clairmont Church, lot for the Bouldercrest Church on Constitution Road, and purchase of a dwelling on Midway Road in Decatur for a Mission, sponsored by the Avondale Church.

Douglas Dillard resigned as BSU Area Secretary in May, 1954, and was succeeded by Wallace Duvall, July, 1954. The Baptist Student Center was moved from 365 Ponce de Leon Avenue, N. E., to 1252 South Oxford Road, near the Emory University campus, and made Headquarters for all BSU work in the Atlanta Area. Miss Annie Ivy and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hornsby were added to the Pryor Street Mission Staff.

Dr. Monroe F. Swilley, chairman of the Atlanta Baptist School Committee, made the following report:

"Your committee feels that the facts revealed in the survey, prepared by the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, prove that the available students and the financial resources give every promise of success if a Baptist college should be established in Atlanta.

"Your committee also feels that a Baptist college could be established in such manner that it would be a vital and integral part

of the program of Christian Education of the Georgia Baptist Convention.

"Your committee makes the following recommendations:

"1. That the Association approve the idea of establishing a Baptist college within its territory.

"2. That the Association continue for another year its special committee on the establishment of a Baptist college, and that it go on record as favoring the continuation of the study and investigation necessary in establishing a Baptist school in Atlanta.

"3. That the Atlanta Baptist School Committee work in close cooperation with the Education Commission of the Georgia Baptist Convention in seeking to arrive at a solution that will meet the essential needs and, at the same time, preserve the harmony and fellowship of our Baptist people in Georgia.

"4. That the Association allocate \$800 in its 1954-55 budget for the work of this committee." Adopted.

A South-wide Sunday School Clinic was held in Atlanta in January, 1954, with 80 churches participating. A religious census was taken, revealing 80,000 prospects for the Sunday Schools in the Association. The BTU report indicated ten new Training Unions organized in 1954, and good results from "Baptist Faith Week," with 87 churches participating. The Brotherhood reported 73 organizations in 1954. An Associational Brotherhood Rally was held in the Morningside Church on March 4, 1954, with Dr. Leland Waters of the Home Mission Board as the speaker. President Tom Butler reported 5,508 members of the 73 Brotherhoods. Grant Park Church led the State in Sunday School Training Awards in 1954, with a total of 1,117. The 1954 WMU annual meeting was held with the Beecher Hills Church, Mrs. S. L. Astin presiding. Miss Louise Whitmire, Director of the Goodwill Center, East St. Louis, Missouri, addressed the meeting. Dr. Scott Patterson introduced the missionaries.

The 1955 session met with the Second-Ponce de Leon and North Atlanta Churches. Rev. R. L. O'Brien was reelected Moderator, and Mr. Holcombe was reelected Clerk. Rev. Roy Niager, pastor of the Euclid Avenue Church, was the preacher. Three new churches were admitted to membership: Cresthill Church, Rev. John R. Hayne, pastor, constituted 1955, 57 members; Peachcrest Church, Rev. J. C. Arwood, pastor, 1955, 33 members; and Northwoods Church, Rev. Fred L. Cox, Jr., pastor, 1955, 148 members. Pineview Church was dismissed to join the Fairburn Association.

The Cooper Street Church was dropped from the roll, that church having deeded its assets to the Association and ceased its organized existence. Cooper Street Church was constituted in 1900 as Glenn Street Church, and was a charter member of the Association. Rev. Willis J. Moore was the last pastor, final services held October 31, 1955.

The Executive Committee reported final purchase of the Century Club property for an Assembly, the property consisting of 92 acres with one large building, a swimming pool, and several smaller buildings. A total of \$33,352.37 had been received from the churches on the purchase price of \$75,000. The Executive Committee reported that the Atlanta Choir, under the leadership of Rev. George Crawford, had attended the Baptist World Alliance in London in 1955, appearing several times on the Alliance program, and later touring Europe for concerts in various countries. The Associational Brotherhood sponsored a concert by the Choir at the First Church.

The Church Extension Committee reported purchase of lot for the Cresthill Church, purchase of lot for the McDonough Heights Chapel, purchase of lot adjoining the Pryor Street Mission, purchase of lot for the Clairmont Hills Church, purchase of lot for the Glenwood Avenue Church, and purchase of lot for the Gresham Road Church.

Rev. T. E. Dougherty, chairman of the Committee on Evangelism, reported 5,009 baptisms in the Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade in 1955, bringing the total membership of the 133 churches in the Association to 108,200, a gain of 1,462 over the previous year.

The Atlanta Baptist School Committee, Dr. Monroe F. Swilley, chairman, suggested that the Association would need to provide a minimum of \$750,000 for an administration-class room building, and \$750,000 for endowment if the Association should undertake to establish a Baptist college in Atlanta. The report urged cooperation with the Georgia Baptist Convention in all plans looking to the establishing of a Baptist college in Atlanta. The report asked that the committee be enlarged to include the group of Baptist laymen who had attended a breakfast meeting on the subject of the proposed school, and that the Association, through its Executive Committee, receive and hold gifts of money and real estate for the proposed college until a charter is secured and trustees elected.

Miss Pitts Hughes was engaged as Baptist Student Secretary at the Georgia Baptist Hospital School of Nursing. The Sunday



School report showed 114 Vacation Bible Schools in 1955. L. Waits Guthrie, president of the Associational Brotherhood, reported plans for cooperating with the Royal Ambassador project. The Associational BTU received the Standard Award recognition from the Southern Baptist Convention in 1955. Mrs. B. W. Medlock succeeded Mrs. S. L. Astin as Superintendent of the Associational WMU in 1955. Mrs. Clarence Nelson, Washington, D. C., addressed the WMU annual meeting, held at the Second-Ponce de Leon Church.

The 1956 session met with the Moreland Avenue and Sylvester Churches. Rev. E. G. Kilpatrick, pastor of the Woodland Hills Church, was elected Moderator, and Mr. Holcombe was reelected Clerk. Rev. Cary C. Wood, pastor of the Peachtree Church, was the preacher. Eight new churches were received into membership of the Association in 1956, as follows:

<i>Church</i>	<i>Pastor</i>	<i>Constituted</i>	<i>Membership</i>
Buice Memorial.....	Rev. A. C. Kilpatrick	1956.....	311
Doraville First.....	Rev. J. M. Wooten	1950.....	422
Dogwood Hills.....	Rev. W. H. Geren	1956.....	117
Clairmont Hills.....	Rev. E. O. Floyd	1956.....	402
Macon Drive.....	Rev. Hoyt O. Tench	1956.....	93
Gresham Park.....	Rev. G. Glen Harkins	1956.....	126
Headland Heights.....	Rev. C. W. Barnes	1956.....	112
Utoy Springs.....		1956.....	55

Application of the Cherokee Avenue Church was referred to the Executive Committee:

Rev. Paul Aiken offered the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that the Extension Committee be and is hereby requested to respect the wishes of churches objecting to the establishment of Missions within two miles of existing churches, when there is a distance of less than two miles between the objecting church and the location of a new church; however, where such distance is two miles or more, the matter of establishment and location of the proposed new church shall be left to the discretion of the Extension Committee, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee of the Atlanta Association of Baptist Churches." It had been the policy to establish new churches at intervals not less than 1¼ miles from existing churches.

Special prayer was offered on behalf of the families of W. Lee Cutts, C. J. Johnson and Zack E. Barron, who had died since the last meeting of the Association.

Budget for the Association was set at \$100,000, and for the Assembly, \$40,000. It was announced that the WMU had provided a suitable fence for both swimming pools at the Assembly. The first Assembly season was declared encouraging. A deep well had been drilled, and storage tank purchased. J. L. Baggott and Harry P. Wootan had served as co-managers of the Assembly, with dedication services on April 17, 1955. Appreciation was expressed to Rev. Charles Allen and Rev. Ted Dougherty for their leadership in the launching of the Assembly. The Brotherhood had cooperated in giving "work days" to the Assembly. The WMU had furnished beds, mattresses, pillows, serving trays and silver for 125 persons. It was reported that 9,487 persons had used the Assembly grounds, including 64 groups that spent at least one night at the Assembly. Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Miller, Jr., accepted direction of the Assembly, November 1, 1956. This important report was made by Dick H. Hall, Jr., and G. Merrill Meadows, co-chairmen.

The Church Extension Committee reported purchase of lot for Northwoods Church, Utoy Springs Church, Dogwood Hills Church, and a lot at Briarcliff and Clairmont Roads. The Second-Ponce de Leon Church bought a tract on the Mount Vernon Road for future development in that area.

W. Arnold Smith and L. H. Miller, Jr., had served during the year as Chaplains at Grady Hospital and the Juvenile Court. They reported 60 professions of faith, plus many conferences, resulting in "satisfactory adjustments."

Dwight Pearce was elected BSU Secretary, succeeding Wallace Duvall who resigned to go to Nigeria as a foreign missionary. Mrs. Jean Lovell had been installed as BSU Secretary at the Georgia Baptist Hospital School of Nursing. Seventeen Bible Schools were held in Negro Baptist churches under the direction of the Race Relations Committee and the Missions Committee.

The Atlanta Baptist School Committee reported: "Your committee is happy to report that considerable interest has been created in this matter. There is pending at this time a bona fide offer of approximately 125 acres of land in the Atlanta area, having a market value of \$200,000, as a proposed site for the college. No definite decision has been made by the committee concerning this offer. The Executive Committee of the Georgia Baptist Convention, at its September meeting, approved the request to enlarge the scope of the work of the Education Commission of the Convention so that this Commission might study the Atlanta school and other similar proposals."

The BTU report cited "Magnify Church Membership Week", Baptist Youth Night Rally at Inman Park Church with Rev. Jimmy Waters as speaker, and Youth Retreat at Atlanta Baptist Assembly as highlights of the year's work. The Brotherhood Committee reported 17 new Brotherhoods organized in 1956. The Sunday School report emphasized the results of 21 area Training Schools, enrolling 2,805 persons.

The 1957 session met with the College Park First Church and Virginia Avenue Church. Rev. E. G. Kilpatrick and Mr. Holcombe were reelected Moderator and Clerk, respectively. Rev. O. Norman Shands, pastor of the West End Church, was the preacher. Three new churches were admitted to membership in the Association: Clarkston First Church, Rev. D. D. Harris, pastor, constituted 1906, 629 members; Glenhaven Church, Rev. R. F. Hardeman, pastor, 1947, 808 members; and Village Church, Rev. R. A. Reynolds, pastor, 1957. North Clayton Church was dismissed to join the Clayton County Association. Wrenwood Church had ceased to function, and the building was sold. Belvedere Church applied for admission, but since the members were all ill with influenza, their application was referred to the Executive Committee with authority to act.

Louie D. Newton offered a resolution, providing for a committee "to seek a conference with the Mayor of the City of Atlanta, the Chief of Police, and the President of the Southeastern Fair, to inquire if the allegations in an editorial in *The Christian Index* concerning gambling, sideshows, etc., at the Fair are true, and if true, that this committee petition these authorities and all other duly constituted authorities responsible for the conduct of the Fair, to take steps to insure that such conditions shall not obtain in future annual Fairs." Committee composed of Louie D. Newton, chairman, E. B. Shivers, J. C. Daniel, Mrs. B. W. Medlock and Freeman Mitchell was appointed. (The committee several times sought a conference with the above authorities, without results.)

J. L. Baggott offered the following resolution: "Whereas the report of the Atlanta Baptist School Committee and the discussion related to this report did not appear to give the committee a clear mandate to go forward with plans for an Atlanta Baptist College, and, whereas the Georgia Baptist Convention appears to await action by the local community to create interest and demand for such a college, be it resolved, that we ask our Atlanta Baptist School Committee to go forward as fast as developments will justify in developing a general interest in such a Baptist college in Atlanta and in working with the Georgia Baptist Convention and other



Baptist institutions so as to develop and advance plans for such a college as fast as expedient." Resolution adopted.

The Executive Committee's report was an unusually full and important one, covering the following items: purchase of tractor, wagon, chain saw and other tools, new road built and lake dam at Assembly; purchase of new church site on Memorial Drive; first Training School for Negroes; Training Union Enlargement Revival; Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade, with 97 churches participating; joint purchase with Hapeville First Church of lot on North Avenue in Hapeville; joint purchase with Decatur First Church of site on Valley Brook Road; Mrs. Fred Propst employed as member of Pryor Street Mission Staff; School of Missions, with 79 churches participating; brochure of Associational activities published; purchase of tract on Covington Road for new church site; expansion of Pryor Street Mission program to include Joel Chandler Harris Housing Community; employment of Dr. George M. Sparks to promote Baptist college plans in Atlanta area; reduction of debt on Assembly to \$22,500; employment of Rev. C. E. Scarborough as part-time Chaplain at Grady Hospital and Juvenile Court.

The Church Extension Committee reported a new plan by which groups of churches will cooperate in locating and supporting new churches. First such undertaking was the Covington Highway Chapel, jointly sponsored by Kirkwood, Park Avenue, Columbia Drive and Avondale Estates First Church. Mr. and Mrs. Mann discontinued their work with Short Street Mission, due to illness.

The Atlanta Baptist School Committee, Dr. Monroe Swilley, chairman, reported:

"Several proposals for sites have been carefully considered and decisions made. Among these was the rejection of one tract, consisting of 154 acres, because it was too near an industrial area. The committee has considered suggestions that the efforts of the committee be directed toward establishment of an elementary and preparatory school. It was the unanimous opinion of your committee that this was not within the original purpose of the appointment of the committee, that the purpose through the years had been along the line of establishing a college or university, that unless the Association instructed otherwise we should adhere to this original purpose, and that the needs in higher education were greater at the present time.

"The committee employed Mr. Phil Hammer and Associates of the Metropolitan Planning Commission to survey the Atlanta area for possible sites for location of the school. Mr. Hammer's 45-page

report has been received and is being studied by the committee. Your committee considers itself most fortunate in securing Dr. George Sparks, former president of the Georgia State College of Business Administration, as Director of Public Relations.

"During the year contact has been maintained with the Education Commission of the Georgia Baptist Convention in an effort to deal with this matter on the basis of a united approach. Your committee reaffirms the desire to work in close cooperation with the Education Commission of the Georgia Baptist Convention."

The Education Commission of the Georgia Baptist Convention, at a meeting on July 22, 1958, in Atlanta, adopted the following resolution:

"The Education Commission of the Georgia Baptist Convention recommends to the Convention through the Executive Committee:

"1. That the Georgia Baptist Convention approve the establishment of a Baptist college in the city of Atlanta as a coordinate college of Mercer University;

"2. That the Convention approve a campaign by the Atlanta Baptist Association of Churches to raise three million dollars to be used in establishing this college in the city of Atlanta;

"3. That a site for the location of the Atlanta Baptist college be chosen by the Atlanta Baptist Association School Committee;

"4. That funds raised in the Atlanta campaign be held by the Georgia Baptist Convention until needed in developing the Atlanta Baptist college; until utilized, the funds raised will be invested and the income added to the corpus;

"5. That in the event the goals set for capital funds and endowment are not reached within three years, it shall be the duty of the Convention to determine whether sufficient funds have been raised to justify the establishment of the college;

"6. That should funds raised be judged by the Convention to be insufficient to establish such a college, the amount raised will be deposited with the Georgia Baptist Foundation, the income to be used by the Georgia Baptist Convention for Christian education as it deems wise."

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Georgia Baptist Convention, September 9, 1958, paragraph two of the above resolution was amended to read as follows: "That the Convention approve a campaign by the Atlanta Association of Baptist Churches through its School Committee to raise three million dollars in the Metropolitan Area of Atlanta to be used in establish-

ing this college; the Atlanta Association School Committee will follow the established policy of the Convention and special college campaigns, namely, the appeal will be limited to individuals, foundations, and business concerns."

The action of the Education Commission of the Convention on July 22, 1958, and the action of the Executive Committee of the Convention on September 9, 1958, was based on the statement of the Trustees and President's Council of Mercer University, as follows:

"Excerpt from Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees and President's Council of The Corporation of Mercer University August 16, 1956.

"President Connell oriented the group to the interest of some Atlanta leaders in the establishment of a Baptist University in Atlanta. President Connell presented his proposals as a basis for the approval of a Baptist college in Atlanta, and the Board of Trustees unanimously endorsed them. They are as follows:

"1. The proposed Atlanta college, if established, should be a coordinate division of Mercer University.

"2. The supervision of the Atlanta institution shall be the responsibility of the Board of Trustees of Mercer University. Eight members of said Board would be chosen from the Atlanta Baptist Association. An executive committee of five members from the eight trustees chosen from the Atlanta Baptist Association shall be charged with the responsibility of administration and supervisory control of the Atlanta institution, said authority being delegated by the complete Board of Trustees of Mercer University.

"3. The Atlanta Baptist Association shall be charged with the responsibility of raising the capital funds necessary to procure a land site and construct an administration and classroom building. Said building shall be large enough to provide fifteen classrooms; administrative offices; a library; laboratories for chemistry, biology, and physics; and an assembly hall. A conservative cost estimate for such a building is one million dollars.

"4. It shall be agreed that the institution will begin as a junior college.

"5. The trustees of Mercer University recommend that no housing facilities for boarding students be erected until the school has been in operation long enough to demonstrate the need for such facilities. This means that enrollment to begin with will be restricted to day students.

"6. The trustees of Mercer University will expect the Atlanta



Baptist Association to raise an initial \$600,000 for endowment and to pledge itself to undertake the raising of an additional \$500,000 at a later date. To insure stable financial operation, the trustees of Mercer University would insist that the Atlanta Baptist Association raise \$100,000 in cash to be deposited in the bank to cover whatever operating deficit the school might incur during the first years of operation."

The Baptist Student Union Committee, Rev. Clarence Sessions, chairman, reported more than 6,000 Baptist college students in the Atlanta area, and a comprehensive program of ministry to all Baptist students under the leadership of Secretaries Pearce, Woolf and Lovell. During the year a retreat was planned for international students, with 110 students from 36 countries attending.

The Sunday School report indicated Sunday Schools in each of the 143 churches in the Association, with a combined enrolment of 94,778. There were 12,139 awards for training courses during the year, with Grant Park Church leading, 1,127. There were 126 Vacation Bible Schools in 1957, with combined enrollment of 31,547. Sunday School goals for 1958: 100,000 enrolled, 35 standard Schools, 150 Vacation Bible Schools, 500 at Blue and Gold Seal banquet, every Sunday School reporting on monthly form card. Appreciation of the fine work of Mr. Wootan and Mrs. Priest was unanimously expressed by the messengers.

The Brotherhood report sounded many high notes. There were 120 Church Brotherhoods in 1957, with combined membership of more than 10,000 men and Royal Ambassadors. Two words embody the purpose of the Atlanta Brotherhoods—Promotion and Training. Governor Raymond Gary of Oklahoma was the speaker in the annual Brotherhood Rally in 1958, August 22, at the First Church, Decatur.

Mrs. B. Wofford Medlock, president of the Atlanta WMU work, reported one of the best years in the glorious history of Atlanta WMU. The 1957 annual meeting was held with the Kirkwood Church. Mrs. Medlock was unanimously reelected. Rev. W. H. Rittenhouse, Jr., was the inspirational speaker.

The 1957 session authorized plans for the observance of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Association in 1958, the details to be worked out by the Executive Committee and the Anniversary Committee, Rev. J. A. Nolan, chairman.

Deep in the heart of every Baptist in Atlanta is the thought of The Unfinished Task—"much land yet to be taken"—and the prayer that we may think together, pray together, work together, as we face the tasks at hand and ahead, always with one consuming purpose and commitment—for *Christ's sake*.

# HISTORICAL CHART—ATLANTA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Year	Moderator	Vice-Moderator	Clerk	Treasurer	Missions Supt.	Meeting Place
1909	M. L. Brittain.	B. F. Burdett.	M. M. Anderson.	G. M. Brown.	T. E. McCutcheon.	First, Atlanta
1910	M. L. Brittain.	B. F. Burdett.	M. M. Anderson.	G. M. Brown.	T. E. McCutcheon.	Oakland City
1911	G. M. Brown.	J. S. Donaldson.	M. M. Anderson.	W. C. Ivey.	T. E. McCutcheon.	Tabernacle
1912	G. M. Brown.	P. H. Bell.	M. M. Anderson.	G. S. Prior.	B. P. Robertson.	Second, Atlanta
1913	G. W. Gaines.	W. H. Bell.	M. M. Anderson.	G. S. Prior.	B. P. Robertson.	College Park
1914	W. W. Gaines.	L. A. Brown.	M. M. Anderson.	G. S. Prior.	B. P. Robertson.	Gordon Street
1915	J. F. Purser.	L. A. Brown.	V. O. Kimsey.	G. S. Prior.	B. P. Robertson.	Calvary
1916	J. F. Purser.	W. M. Sental.	V. O. Kimsey.	G. S. Prior.	B. P. Robertson.	Woodward Ave.
1917	J. F. Purser.	A. T. Spalding.	V. O. Kimsey.	C. A. Davis.	B. P. Robertson.	First, Atlanta
1918	G. S. Prior.	A. T. Spalding.	V. O. Kimsey.	C. A. Davis.	B. P. Robertson.	East Side Tabernacle
1919	B. S. Railey.	W. T. Jones.	V. O. Kimsey.	G. S. Prior.	B. P. Robertson.	Grant Park
1920	W. W. Gaines.	H. W. Willett.	V. O. Kimsey.	G. S. Prior.	B. P. Robertson.	First, East Point
1921	W. W. Gaines.	F. S. Etheridge.	V. O. Kimsey.	F. H. Jackson.	B. P. Robertson.	Western Heights
1922	F. S. Etheridge.	J. L. Jackson.	H. E. Moody.	F. H. Jackson.	B. P. Robertson.	Third, Atlanta
1923	F. S. Etheridge.	W. L. Barrett.	H. E. Moody.	F. H. Jackson.	B. P. Robertson.	Capitol Ave.
1924	L. E. Roberts.	Geo. Hillier.	H. E. Moody.	F. S. Etheridge.	B. P. Robertson.	Second, Atlanta
1925	L. E. Roberts.	E. L. Harling.	H. E. Moody.	F. S. Etheridge.	B. P. Robertson.	Tabernacle
1926	E. L. Harling.	A. L. Brauham.	H. E. Moody.	F. S. Etheridge.	B. P. Robertson.	Gordon St.
1927	E. L. Harling.	A. W. Reeves.	H. E. Moody.	F. S. Etheridge.	B. P. Robertson.	West End
1928	B. J. W. Graham.	W. H. Faust.	H. E. Moody.	F. S. Etheridge.	B. P. Robertson.	Ponce de Leon
1929	B. J. W. Graham.	W. H. Faust.	H. E. Moody.	F. S. Etheridge.	B. P. Robertson.	Druid Hills
1930	C. W. Binns.	J. L. Jackson.	H. E. Moody.	C. W. Outlaw.	B. P. Robertson.	First, Atlanta
1931	W. H. Major.	Ryland Knight.	H. E. Moody.	C. W. Outlaw.	B. P. Robertson.	First, Atlanta
1932	P. A. Hooper, Jr.	W. S. Smith.	H. E. Moody.	C. W. Outlaw.	B. P. Robertson.	First, Atlanta
1933	F. H. Faust, Jr.	G. A. Moore.	H. E. Moody.	C. W. Outlaw.	B. P. Robertson.	First, Atlanta
1934	F. H. Faust, Jr.	G. A. Moore.	H. E. Moody.	C. W. Outlaw.	B. P. Robertson.	First, Atlanta
1935	F. H. Faust.	W. A. Duncan.	H. E. Moody.	C. W. Outlaw.	B. P. Robertson.	First, Atlanta
1936	F. H. Faust.	W. A. Duncan.	H. E. Moody.	C. W. Outlaw.	B. P. Robertson.	First, Atlanta
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1938	G. F. Garrison.	B. M. Callaway.	H. E. Moody.	C. W. Outlaw.	B. P. Robertson.	First, Atlanta
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1940	P. R. Warnock.	E. E. Steele.	H. E. Moody.	C. W. Outlaw.	B. P. Robertson.	First, Atlanta
1941	P. R. Warnock.	E. E. Steele.	H. E. Moody.	C. W. Outlaw.	B. P. Robertson.	Druid Hills
1942	L. E. Smith.	Z. E. Barron.	H. E. Moody.	C. W. Outlaw.	B. P. Robertson.	Tabernacle
1943	L. E. Smith.	Z. E. Barron.	H. E. Moody.	C. W. Outlaw.	B. P. Robertson.	Second-Ponce de Leon
1944	G. J. Davis.	J. C. Daniel.	M. Holcombe.	C. G. Cole.	B. P. Robertson.	First, Decatur
1945	J. C. Daniel.	J. C. Daniel.	M. Holcombe.	C. G. Cole.	B. P. Robertson.	Central
1946	J. C. Daniel.	J. C. Daniel.	M. Holcombe.	C. G. Cole.	B. P. Robertson.	Tabernacle
1947	J. C. Daniel.	J. C. Daniel.	M. Holcombe.	C. G. Cole.	B. P. Robertson.	Capitol View
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1951	E. E. Steele.	J. P. Wesberry.	M. Holcombe.	C. G. Cole.	B. P. Robertson.	First, Atlanta
1952	E. E. Steele.	J. P. Wesberry.	M. Holcombe.	C. G. Cole.	B. P. Robertson.	Fortified Hills
1953	E. E. Steele.	J. P. Wesberry.	M. Holcombe.	C. G. Cole.	B. P. Robertson.	Oakhurst
1954	E. E. Steele.	J. P. Wesberry.	M. Holcombe.	C. G. Cole.	B. P. Robertson.	First, East Point
1955	E. E. Steele.	J. P. Wesberry.	M. Holcombe.	C. G. Cole.	B. P. Robertson.	Kirkwood and Sharon
1956	E. E. Steele.	J. P. Wesberry.	M. Holcombe.	C. G. Cole.	B. P. Robertson.	Hapeville and Woodland Hills
1957	E. E. Steele.	J. P. Wesberry.	M. Holcombe.	C. G. Cole.	B. P. Robertson.	Second-Ponce de Leon and North Atlanta
1958	E. E. Steele.	J. P. Wesberry.	M. Holcombe.	C. G. Cole.	B. P. Robertson.	Moreland Ave. and Sylvester
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TABLE A—CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP—1957

CHURCHES	CHURCH LOCATION	Date Organized	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES		GAINS		LOSSES	TOTAL		Special Inform.
			Baptisms	Letters and Other Additions	Total Resignations	Total Non-Resident Members		Grand Total Present Members		
Adair Park.....	719 Pearce St., S. W., 6.....	1927	Royce I. Bagley, 1189 State St., N. W.....	45	39	6	552	235	787	\$ 5,180
Alvin Drive.....	2266 Alvin Dr., N. W., 18.....	1950	Jim Pritchett, Douglassville, Ga.....	9	22	.....	127	127	127	600
Antioch.....	420 McDonough Blvd., S. E., 15.....	1874	D. F. Williams, 2941 Clifton Church Rd., Decatur.....	54	50	23	800	944	944	5,200
Atlanta, First.....	754 Peachtree St., N. E., 2.....	1848	Roy O. McClain, 754 Peachtree St., N. E., 2.....	143	980	665	4,963	1,127	6,080	15,000
Avondale.....	280 N. Clarendon Ave., Avondale.....	1895	Herbert F. Woodyard, 13 Stone Mt. Rd., Avondale Estates.....	31	35	39	369	200	577	4,200
Avondale Estates, First.....	111 Covington Rd., Decatur.....	1941	Victor A. Greene, 38 Dartmouth Ave., Avondale Estates.....	33	74	14	652	136	78	6,000
Beecher Hills.....	2430 Beecher Rd., S. W., 11.....	1942	Clarence F. Sessions, 2169 Honesuckle Lane, S. W., 11.....	56	138	66	1,476	75	1,551	7,600
Bellwood.....	705 Ashby St., N. W., 18.....	1913	Jack Kilpatrick, 1448 Blyss Ave., N. W., 18.....	49	31	61	631	507	1,138	5,200
Belvedere (Wrenwood).....	In Knollwood School.....	1947	Harold Wheelless, 3429 Memorial Dr., Decatur.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ben Hill, First.....	3605 Campbellton Rd., S. W., 11.....	1922	L. Clyde Allen, 2337 Barge Rd., S. W., 11.....	67	84	32	546	144	690	6,600
Ben Hill, Second.....	Butner and Niskey Lake Rd., S. W.....	1941	E. E. Cooper, 1446 S. Gordon St., S. W.....	8	8	23	152	86	238	3,320
Bethel.....	2567 Baker Rd., N. W., 18.....	1945	Walter L. Ballieu, 210 Pine St., N. W., Apt. 316.....	36	70	1	120	129	.....	2,400
Bolton.....	2352 Bolton Rd., N. W., 18.....	1946	W. J. Norrell, Rt. 1, Smyrna, Ga.....	10	14	.....	.....	.....	214	1,200
Bouldercrest.....	2385 Bouldercrest Dr., S. E., 16.....	1952	Ebb. G. Kilpatrick, Jr., 2211 Cedar Grove Rd., Conley, Ga.....	9	14	4	136	35	169	3,000
Boulevard Heights.....	Francis St. at Blvd.....	1944	J. Guy Wallace, 1859 Stanton Rd., East Point.....	38	80	11	150	95	225	.....
Brookhaven.....	1284 N. Druid Hills Rd., N. E., 19.....	1922	W. T. Booth, 3665 N. Druid Hills Rd., N. E., 19.....	41	74	131	1,021	289	1,310	7,020
Brown Memorial.....	963 Howell Mill Rd., N. W., 18.....	1902	J. Paul Barnes, 950 Third St., N. W., 18.....	14	6	14	422	.....	422	4,380
Brown Mill Park.....	502 McWilliams Rd., S. E., 15.....	1963	Fred Stanley, 580 McWilliams Rd., S. E., 15.....	11	20	20	133	.....	133	3,000
Brownwood.....	Farburn Rd. and Thompson Dr., S. W.....	1940	Rex Brown, 731 Bolton Rd., N. W., 18.....	14	20	25	208	126	334	2,250
Buckhead.....	3213 Roswell Rd., N. W., 5.....	1926	Herbert E. Hyde, 3213 Roswell Rd., N. W., 5.....	40	64	33	457	80	543	6,000
Buice Memorial.....	395 Blair Villa Dr., Hapeville.....	1956	John W. Farmer, 3847 Wascanna Rd., Apt. 1, Hapeville.....	69	37	27	398	17	415	4,160
Cambridge Avenue.....	911 W. Cambridge Ave., College Park.....	1951	Wm. B. Campbell, 439 Ruth Pl., Decatur.....	30	8	6	84	10	94	2,000
Candler Park.....	344 Mayson Ave., N. E., 7.....	1902	J. G. Burgess, 282 Candler St., N. E., 5.....	13	38	52	1,012	.....	1,012	5,100
Capitol Avenue.....	660 Capitol Ave., S. E.....	1900	Fred Probst, 955 Lucile Ave., S. W.....	28	51	59	885	583	1,468	4,720
Capitol View.....	1328 Stewart Ave., S. W., 10.....	1908	John L. Ryberg, 1661 Brewer Blvd., S. W.....	113	118	128	2,346	360	2,706	7,200
Carey Park.....	1195 St. James Pl., N. W., 18.....	1925	Glen H. Haue, 2350 St. James Dr., N. W., 18.....	21	12	28	400	350	500	4,300
Cascade.....	1631 West Haven Dr., S. W., 11.....	1923	Ernest E. Brown, 1770 Avon Ave., S. W., 10.....	30	34	101	1,049	220	1,269	7,500
Center Hill.....	2165 Bankhead Hwy., N. W., 18.....	1909	Joseph W. Head, 219 W. Lyle Ave., College Park.....	16	14	38	.....	.....	912	5,575
Central.....	219 Washington St., S. W., 3.....	1869	J. T. Ethridge, 1293 Avonwood Cir., S. W., 4.....	3	16	82	181	612	793	4,800
Chattahoochee, First.....	1950 Bolton Rd., S. W., 18.....	1898	John N. Foster, Chattahoochee, Ga.....	39	31	29	836	338	1,174	5,400
Chattahoochee, Second.....	Box 242, Chattahoochee, Ga.....	1927	Howard A. Crowe, 1762 Bolton Rd., S. W., 18.....	34	42	25	.....	.....	682	4,410
Cherokee Avenue.....	543 Cherokee Ave., S. E., 12.....	1952	F. M. Blevins, 5315 Covington Rd., Decatur.....	14	32	.....	190	240	430	3,500
Clairmont.....	3542 Clairmont Rd., Chamblee.....	1952	Buren A. Dowdy, 3872 Clairmont Rd., Chamblee.....	50	101	.....	355	5	360	3,742



Clairmont Hills	1956	Emmet O. Floyd, 2436 N. Amanda Cir., N. E., 6.	17	137	24	512	24	536	7,500
Clarkston, First	1906	D. Harris, Clarkston, Ga.	16	37	20	539	90	629	5,900
Cleveland Avenue	1942	Homer L. Folsom, 3553 Lee St., East Point.	33	35	30	194	70	264	4,160
College Park, First	1898	B. Carroll Carter, 404 N. Jefferson St., College Park.	64	91	107	1,491	519	2,010	7,000
Colonial Hills	1927	Paul R. Van Gorder, 308 Hawthorne Way, East Point.	54	44	44	840	17	2,886	4,725
Columbia Drive	1922	J. Don Aderhold, 1403 Midway St., Decatur.	37	80	44	840	17	2,886	4,725
Confederate Avenue	1942	Ralph E. Webb, 691 Benne St., S. E., 12.	27	39	73	679	165	344	6,000
Connally Drive	1947	J. A. Nolan, 2550 DeLore Dr., East Point.	45	87	32	340	43	353	4,800
Constitution	1944	H. L. Phillips, Rt. 1, Morrow, Ga.	28	22	9	140	98	238	3,380
Corinth	1939	W. N. Tarleton, 332 Sartwell Ave., S. E., 16.	21	8	8	207	86	324	4,420
Cresthill	1955	John B. Haynes, 443 Ruth Pl., Decatur.	27	19	6	114	10	124	1,800
Clutter Avenue	1904	Thos. B. Taitell, 1128 Delaware Ave., S. E.	24	21	1	400	202	602	3,900
Daleview	1947	Marcus D. Drake, Union City, Ga.	13	16	16	119	75	194	1,690
Decatur, First	1862	Dick H. Hall, Jr., 627 E. Ponce de Leon Ave., Decatur.	50	229	252	2,777	488	3,265	11,500
Decatur Heights	1890	L. Earl Fuller, 262 Forkner Dr., Decatur.	44	43	7	407	61	468	5,800
DeFoor Avenue	1881	Harold L. Whitmore, 1832 Clarendon St., N. W., 18.	18	9	29	149	302	451	1,800
Dogwood Hills	1886	Wm. H. Geren, 1080 Luckawana Dr., S. W., 11.	36	116	8	272	4	276	5,500
Doraville, First	1880	Guy C. Rainwater, 226 Wilber Ave., S. E., 16.	86	53	17	509	35	544	6,240
Druid Hills	1914	Louie D. Newton, 1085 Ponce de Leon Ave., N. E., 6.	66	139	242	2,500	594	3,094	10,000
East Atlanta	1860	Hobart D. Goolbsy, 590 Gresham Ave., N. E.	12	44	93	181	181	181	4,295
East Point, First	1898	C. Douglas Jackson, 3087 Meadowlark Lane, East Point.	60	82	157	2,429	400	2,829	6,200
East Point, Second	1920	Wm. N. Stephens, 820 W. Washington Ave., East Point.	30	33	31	473	157	630	4,900
Eastside	1910	Guy C. Rainwater, 226 Wilber Ave., S. E., 16.	41	35	36	999	388	1,464	4,897
Emory	1945	John B. Hunter, 2323 Westminister Way, N. E., 7.	13	98	39	360	124	484	6,900
Euclid Avenue	1931	Roy Niagara, 1230 Euclid Ave., N. E., 7.	46	30	66	526	135	661	4,200
Fairfax	1950	Horace McLeod, 481 Line St., Decatur.	6	.....	17	46	54	100	3,300
Fellowship	1927	Carl T. Wheeler, Rt. 1, Smyrna.	26	38	29	41	117	533	4,500
Fifth Avenue	1888	Russell A. Cheel, 1015 E. Lake Dr., Decatur.	43	65	90	43	726	769	5,250
Fortified Hills	1913	John C. Daniel, 716 Matilda Place, N. W., 18.	24	49	41	875	142	1,017	6,600
Gleaners	1952	H. V. Echols, 1287 Lyn Way Lane, S. E.	32	22	19	116	57	173	2,355
Glenhaven	1947	R. S. Hardeman, 1790 McLain P., Decatur.	18	46	62	642	166	808	2,775
Glenwood	1953	A. L. Kendrick, 3138 Renald Dr., S. E.	29	84	20	383	6	354	5,800
Glenwood Hills	1952	W. Ches Smith, III.	33	101	47	672	60	732	5,800
Gordon Street	1907	D. J. Evans, 1298 Westridge Rd., S. W.	48	44	118	1,816	275	2,091	8,200
Grant Park	1907	Prue H. Kelly, 780 Flat Shoals Ave., S. E., 16.	59	68	86	1,389	368	1,757	6,400
Gresham Park	1956	W. J. DeLay, 415 Rupert Rd., Apt. 4, Decatur.	10	81	13	186	.....	1,86	3,084
Grove Park	1938	Curtis E. Dows, 627 Elizabeth Pl., N. W., 18.	28	31	32	481	.....	481	4,800
Hapeville, First	1884	Bob Hite, 612 College St., Hapeville.	140	103	739	1,587	384	1,941	6,480
Harrison Road	1915	H. Jack Evans, 1421 E. Rugby Ave., East Point.	54	64	24	446	25	471	4,370
Headland and Ben Hill Rds.	1956	Chas. L. Sandifer, 308 Dunlap St., East Point.	17	37	24	156	.....	156	1,957
Hillcrest Drive	1945	Ralph Anderson, 3812 Boulder Park Dr., S. W.	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	154	1,98
Hill Street	1942	W. A. Henderson, Rt. 1, Conley, Ga.	19	48	13	218	.....	218	904
Hills Park	1928	James L. Morgan, Union City, Ga.	5	8	18	63	95	167	2,400

TABLE A—CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP—1957 (Continued)

CHURCHES	CHURCH LOCATION	Date Organized	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES		GAINS		LOSSES		TOTAL			Special Inform.
					Baptisms	Other Letters and Additions	Death by Trans-fer, etc.	Total Resi-dent Mem-bers	Total Non-Resident Members	Grand Total	Pastor's An-nual Salary	
Immanuel.....	644 Memorial Dr., S. E., 12.....	1922	John V. Ray, 517 Boulevard, S. E., 12.....	15	11	15	28	633	633	1,266	\$ 5,020	
Imman Park.....	147 Hurt St., N. E., 7.....	1911	E. B. Shivers, 450 Clare Dr., N. E., 7.....	120	115	120	233	1,549	387	1,936	8,400	
Imman Yards.....	1640 Marietta St., N. W., 18.....	1911	Wm. H. Dameron, 360 Hill St., S. E., 12.....	29	39	29	27	195	107	302	1,575	
Jackson Hill.....	1585 Ponce de Leon Ave., N. E., 7.....	1894	R. Quinn Pugh, 1039 Kentucky Ave., N. E.....	14	85	73	73	1,032	167	1,199	6,600	
Jefferson Avenue.....	800 Jefferson Ave., East Point.....	1945	Ray W. Hinchey, 512 Jefferson Ave., East Point.....	92	122	84	84	1,402	157	1,559	6,000	
Kirkwood.....	2071 Boulevard Dr., S. E., 17.....	1873	Paul R. Aiken, 50 Douglas St., S. E., 17.....	85	109	176	176	2,159	723	2,882	7,500	
Lake Claire.....	1935 McLendon Ave., N. E., 7.....	1947	F. McConnell Davis, 502 Lakeshore Dr., N. E., 7.....	16	30	22	22	259	19	278	5,460	
Lakewood.....	1448 Cecilia Dr., S. E., 16.....	1953	Marshall M. Vaughn, 1648 Cecilia Dr., S. E., 16.....	31	49	36	36	331	18	349	5,200	
Lakewood Heights.....	1800 Jonesboro Rd., S. E., 15.....	1906	Wm. L. Reinwater, 400 E. Rhinehill Rd., S. E., 15.....	120	109	90	90	1,200	319	1,519	6,900	
Long Heights.....	418 Deering Rd., N. W., 9.....	1943	Philip F. Anderson, 1283 Lyle Pl., N. W., 13.....	16	11	26	26	152	61	213	3,900	
Macon Drive.....	2119 Polar Rock Rd., S. W., 15.....	1956	Hoyt O. Tench, 2270 Polar Rock Rd., S. W., 15.....	21	82	167	.....	167	4	171	4,700	
Maranatha.....	1791 LaDawn Ln., N. W., 18.....	1954	Henry G. Hewatt, 3108 Meadow Lake Lane, East Point.....	7	16	.....	8	140	25	165	1,070	
McDonald Memorial.....	435 Cameron St., S. E., 12.....	1924	John S. Manus, 877 Curran St., N. W., 18.....	6	2	20	20	125	.....	150	2,000	
Memorial.....	341 Hill St., S. E., 12.....	1941	Julian Baughn, 454 Broyles St., S. E., 12.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	290	687	
Mercer Avenue.....	421 E. Mercer Ave., College Park.....	1922	Millard H. Check, 511 E. Mercer Ave., College Park.....	40	23	27	27	337	23	360	5,100	
Moreland Avenue.....	542 Moreland Ave., S. E., 16.....	1900	H. T. Eldridge.....	127	78	149	149	1,880	589	2,469	7,357	
Morningside.....	1700 Piedmont Ave., N. E., 9.....	1930	James P. Webber, 1791 Meadowdale Ave., N. E., 6.....	39	69	106	106	1,070	205	1,275	7,200	
Mt. Paran.....	384 Mt. Paran Rd., N. E., 5.....	1862	A. O. Williams, Jr., 384 Mt. Paran Rd., N. W., 5.....	13	13	9	9	123	47	170	6,580	
New Hope, Cascade.....	Cascade Rd., S. W., 11.....	1867	Hugh M. Herron, 2372 Clairmont Rd., N. E., 6.....	26	16	13	.....	.....	.....	210	3,000	
New Hope, Lakewood.....	2455 Lakewood Ave., S. W., 15.....	1932	J. W. Williams, 1538 Glenwood Ave., S. E., 16.....	32	23	3	3	632	130	762	2,400	
Newton Estates.....	500 N. W. Dr., College Park.....	1951	Kenneth M. Startup, 500 Northwest Dr., College Park.....	26	22	9	9	249	39	288	4,200	
North Atlanta.....	510 Tenth St., N. W., 13.....	1896	James L. Adkins, 4231 Hillwood Tr., N. E.....	60	60	190	190	1,395	547	1,942	7,900	
Northside Drive.....	3100 Northside Dr., N. W., 5.....	1952	Thomas Holmes, 2091 Howell Mill Rd., N. W., 18.....	20	23	27	27	335	28	363	5,430	
Northside Park.....	1577 Howell Mill Rd., N. W., 18.....	1907	Thos. W. Hagood, 1881 Howell Mill Rd., N. W., 18.....	24	22	25	25	600	736	1,336	757	
Northwest.....	1150 Niles Ave., N. W., 18.....	1924	H. R. Burnley, 1019 Tilden St., N. W., 18.....	6	8	24	24	290	228	518	4,200	
Northwest Drive.....	1124 Northwest Dr., N. W., 18.....	1950	Wm. G. Reid, 2334 Adams Dr., N. W., 18.....	28	25	7	7	148	50	198	1,655	
Northwoods.....	Chamblee-Tucker Rd.....	1955	Fred L. Cox, Jr., 504 Thompson Rd., N. E., 19.....	27	76	8	8	172	10	182	7,200	
Oakhurst.....	218 East Lake Rd., Decatur.....	1913	T. E. Dougherty, 2148 East Lake Rd., N. E., 7.....	91	153	153	153	1,318	104	1,422	6,000	
Oakland City.....	1137 Avon Ave., S. W., 5.....	1909	Guy Owen, 1173 Princess Ave., S. W., 10.....	66	76	97	97	1,041	639	1,680	6,000	

Orchard Knob	1902	3000 Humphries Dr., S. E., 15.	50	49	71	614	364	978	6,360
Park Avenue	1871	L. E. Smith, 564 Sydney St., S. E., 12.	27	51	71	1,193	40	1,233	6,600
Peachcrest	1955	J. C. Arwood, 3944 Wilshire Dr., Decatur.	35	33	67	250	15	165	6,496
Peachtree	1847	Cary C. Wood, 2531 N. Druid Hills Rd., N. E., 6.	40	49	47	810	66	867	5,875
Peoples	1948	D. E. Goff, 1304 Roberts Dr., S. E., 15.	4	9	9	.....	.....	74	2,500
Peterson	1952	Lloyd W. Corder, 2481 Baxter Rd., S. W., 15.	61	42	13	440	30	470	4,170
Philadelphia	1950	Jack Waine, 625 Cassanova St., S. E.	7	14	17	137	24	182	2,600
Pine Lake	1940	John M. Lance, Pine Lake Ga.	28	29	15	278	67	745	4,200
Ponder Avenue	1901	Vn. B. Stewart, 1176 Church St., N. W.	52	28	12	672	37	752	1,200
Providence	1853	L. B. Huston, 589 Mt. Vernon Rd., Sandy Springs	30	56	291	495	.....	37	532
Renoith	1854	Lester Buice, 3051 Zenory Dr., Tucker	93	62	35	650	232	882	4,600
Riverview	1949	G. T. Jones, Rt. 2, Smyrna, Ga.	45	44	17	154	2	156	835
Sandtown	1950	Morris T. Eskew, 2900 Fairburn Rd., S. W., 11.	12	34	16	210	.....	210	3,300
Scott Boulevard	1953	J. E. Lehman, 1035 Barton Way, Decatur.	20	40	48	438	11	449	4,680
Second Avenue	1952	E. H. Campbell, 3732 S. Keystone Dr., Decatur.	34	76	59	437	.....	437	4,977
Second Ponce de Leon	1854	Monroe F. Swiley, 2737 Peachtree Rd., N. E., 5.	92	188	226	3,437	266	3,753	13,500
Sexton Woods	1951	Waldo P. Harris, 2070 Johnson Fr. Rd. Chamblee	31	61	46	170	100	270	4,140
Sharon	1806	Wm. G. Studer, 2594 Gordon Rd., S. W., 11.	25	12	22	1,033	19	1,052	4,940
Simsville	1945	J. D. Dalton Smith, 32 Gertrude Place, S. W., 18.	18	38	6	258	1	256	3,600
Stamps	1954	Chas. S. Callahan, 2026 McAtee Rd., Decatur.	19	51	10	178	100	278	4,120
Stewart Avenue	1952	J. W. Tate, 3150 Stewart Ave., Hapeville.	18	49	63	363	163	526	5,200
Sylvan Hills	1931	Wm. H. Rittenhouse, 1713 Melrose Dr., S. W., 11.	67	147	113	1,281	176	1,457	7,200
Sylvestor	1879	J. L. King, 19 Clay St., S. E., 17.	15	30	26	613	.....	615	3,418
Tabernacle	1898	Geo. N. McLarty, 355 Fifth St., N. W., 8.	61	118	226	2,496	520	3,016	10,680
Temple	1938	W. Charles Goe, 118 Wyman St., S. E., 17.	20	23	9	269	85	354	5,200
Trinity	1952	W. Norris Wilkerson, 2308 Blvd. Granada, S. W., 11.	8	14	24	67	3	70	3,600
Utoy Springs	1956	Horner G. Smith, 1711 Venetian Dr., S. W., 11.	7	15	8	50	23	73	3,420
Venetian Hills	1944	R. A. Reynolds, 381 Amal Dr., S. E., Apt. 2.	23	51	33	482	20	482	4,680
Village	1957	J. Omer Jones, 755 Park Dr., N. E., 6.	52	98	99	725	291	1,016	6,250
Virginia Avenue	1923	O. Norman Shands, 2205 Highway Rd., S. W.	77	113	206	2,621	125	2,746	8,500
West End	1888	Pat A. Johnson, 3221 Hollydale Dr., S. W., 11.	34	57	34	398	82	480	5,250
West Manor	1913	C. M. Bagley, Sr., 3731 Sylvan Dr., N. E., 19.	18	42	38	414	71	485	4,640
West Merritts	1904	J. C. Embry, Jr., 1225 Bankhead Ave., N. W., 18.	13	19	26	565	588	1,145	5,460
Western Heights	1940	H. T. Daniel, 2472 Knight Ct., S. E., 17.	105	154	87	1,556	150	1,706	6,480
White Oak Hills	1925	Howard W. Morris, 301 Clermont Ave., East Point.	7	13	24	475	.....	475	2,800
Whiteford Avenue	1954	J. T. Ford, 609 Old Ivy Rd., N. E., 5.	37	180	37	765	51	816	9,000
Wieuca Road	1942	T. G. Hughes, 1277 E. Mercer Ave., East Point.	15	10	30	.....	50	.....	3,120
Willingham Drive	1929	Ebb G. Kilpatrick, Sr., 995 Woodland Ave., S. E., 16.	56	73	336	50	.....	1,097	6,000
Woodland Hills	1953	James L. Wright, 2003 Rosewood Rd., Decatur.	52	132	27	513	38	551	4,170
Woodlawn	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
TOTALS	.....	.....	5,227	8,561	.....	91,778	.....	117,774	.....



## CHAPELS

- Briarcliff*—Briarcliff Road, N.E.; Glen G. Waldrop, Emory Woods Apts., Decatur  
*Briarlake*—LaVista Road, Decatur; W. Clay Manley, 2953 LaVista Ct., Decatur  
*Green Forest*—Wadsworth School; Jos. C. Howard, 2835 Fair Lane St., Decatur  
*Memorial Heights*—Memorial Drive, Decatur; C. E. Scarborough, Rte. 3, Stone Mountain  
*\*Metropolitan*—128½ Whitehall Street, S.W.  
*Mt. Vernon*—Mt. Vernon H'way, N.W., 5; F. C. Garrard, Jr., 6590 Long Acres Dr., N.W.  
*\*N. Peachtree Road*—Tilly Mill & Peeler Roads; John M. Wooten, 5140 London Rd., Chamblee  
*\*Parkwood Hills*—4741 Covington Rd., Decatur; C. G. Cole, Jr., 728 Third Avenue, Decatur  
*\*Valley Brook*—1198 Valley Brook Rd., Decatur; Ray Collins, 3075 Anthony Dr., Decatur

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- Grant Park Mission SS*—Bass Street, S.E.; J. R. McElreath, 355 Georgia Avenue, S.E.  
*Lake Avenue Mission*—750 Lake Avenue, N.E.; H. G. Davis, 1665 Langston Avenue, S.W.  
*Lucile Avenue Mission*—955 Lucile Avenue, S.W.; Charles Glass, 326 Inman Street, S.W.  
*Pryor Street Mission*—274 Pryor Street, S.W.; Dorace M. Starnes, Rte. 3, Austell  
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## About the Author

THE committee in charge of the Golden Anniversary of the Atlanta Association of Baptist Churches turned to the one man who could do credit to the history in the writing of this book.

He is Louie D. Newton, pastor of the Druid Hills Baptist Church, who knows Baptist history as do few other people. Additionally, he is recognized among Baptists as a world leader.

Dr. Newton was born in a devout home in South Georgia in 1892. He was graduated from Mercer University in 1913 and served the next three years on its faculty. During World War I he directed the educational work of the National War Work Council at Camp Wheeler. In the two years that followed he attended Columbia University for graduate study while also reporting for the old *New York World*.

Dr. Newton had completed his service as publicity director for the Seventy-Five Million Campaign in Georgia when he came to Atlanta as editor of *The Christian Index* and thereby became a part of the history of the Atlanta Association. He has been pastor of the Druid Hills church since 1929.

Baptists have conferred upon Dr. Newton almost every honor and every trust within their power. He was president of the Southern Baptist Convention for two terms; he was a member of its Executive Committee for 25 years, the longest term of service on record. He is a former vice president of the Baptist World Alliance and is a member of its Executive Committee. He is a former president of the Georgia Baptist Convention, a veteran member of its Executive Committee, and as chairman of the Georgia Baptist Hospital Commission has led its development into one of the nation's leading medical institutions.

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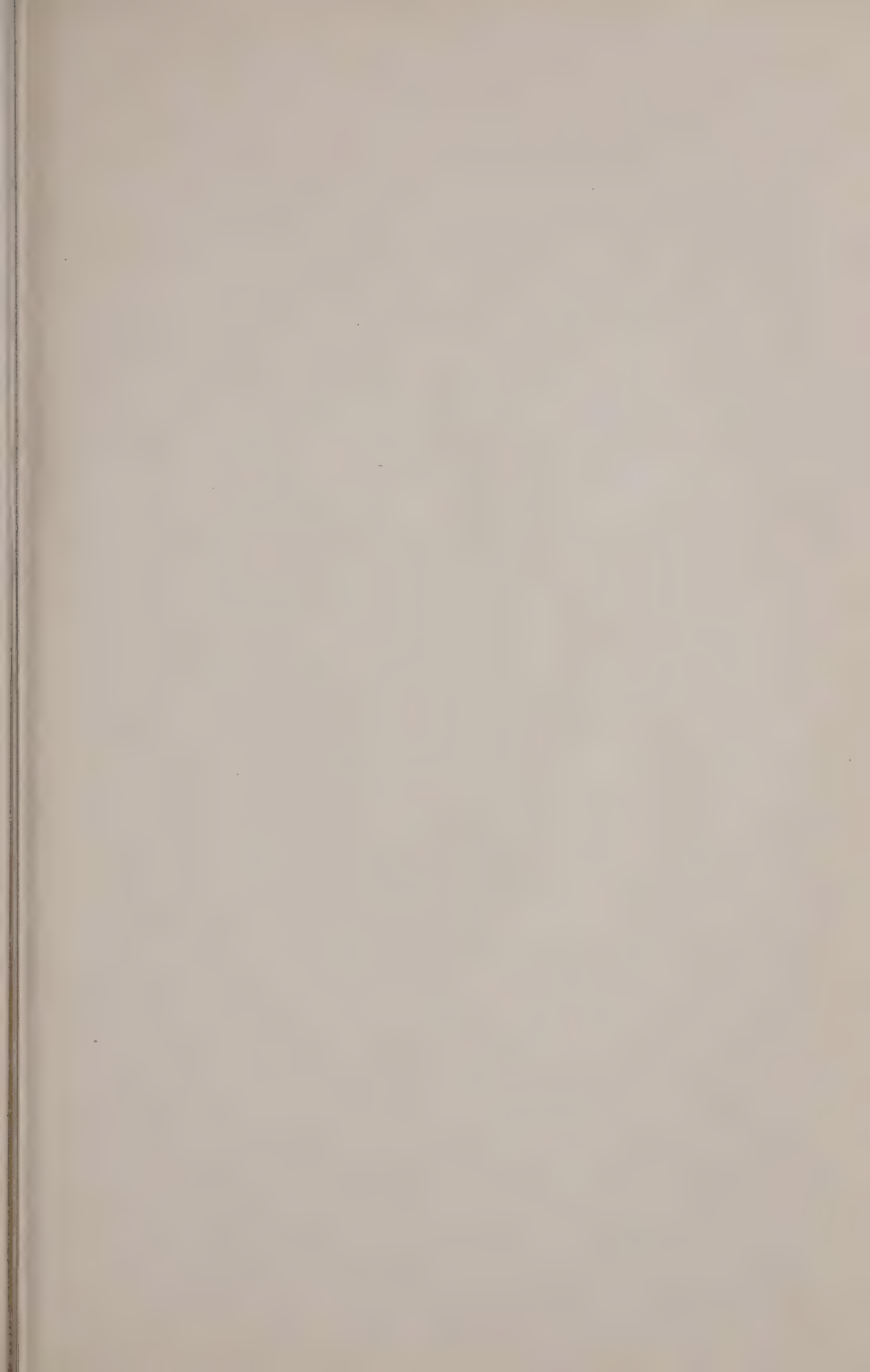
istry and is chairman of the Executive Committee of the Georgia Temperance League.

Few men have such genius for preaching the Gospel, resisting the devil, stimulating and leading his fellow ministers and the laymen in great causes as our beloved Louie D. Newton. We are proud to have had him as the author of this history.

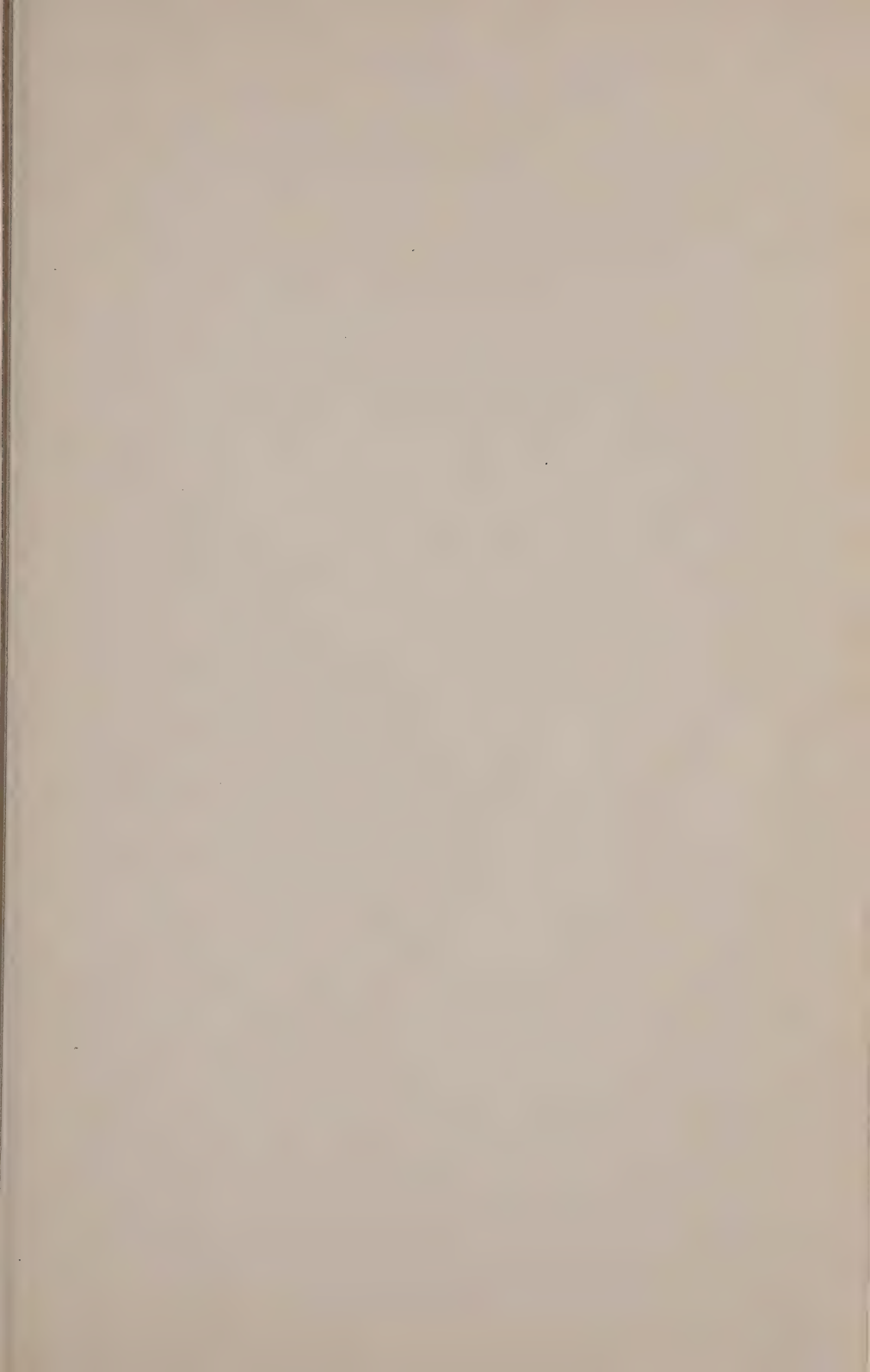
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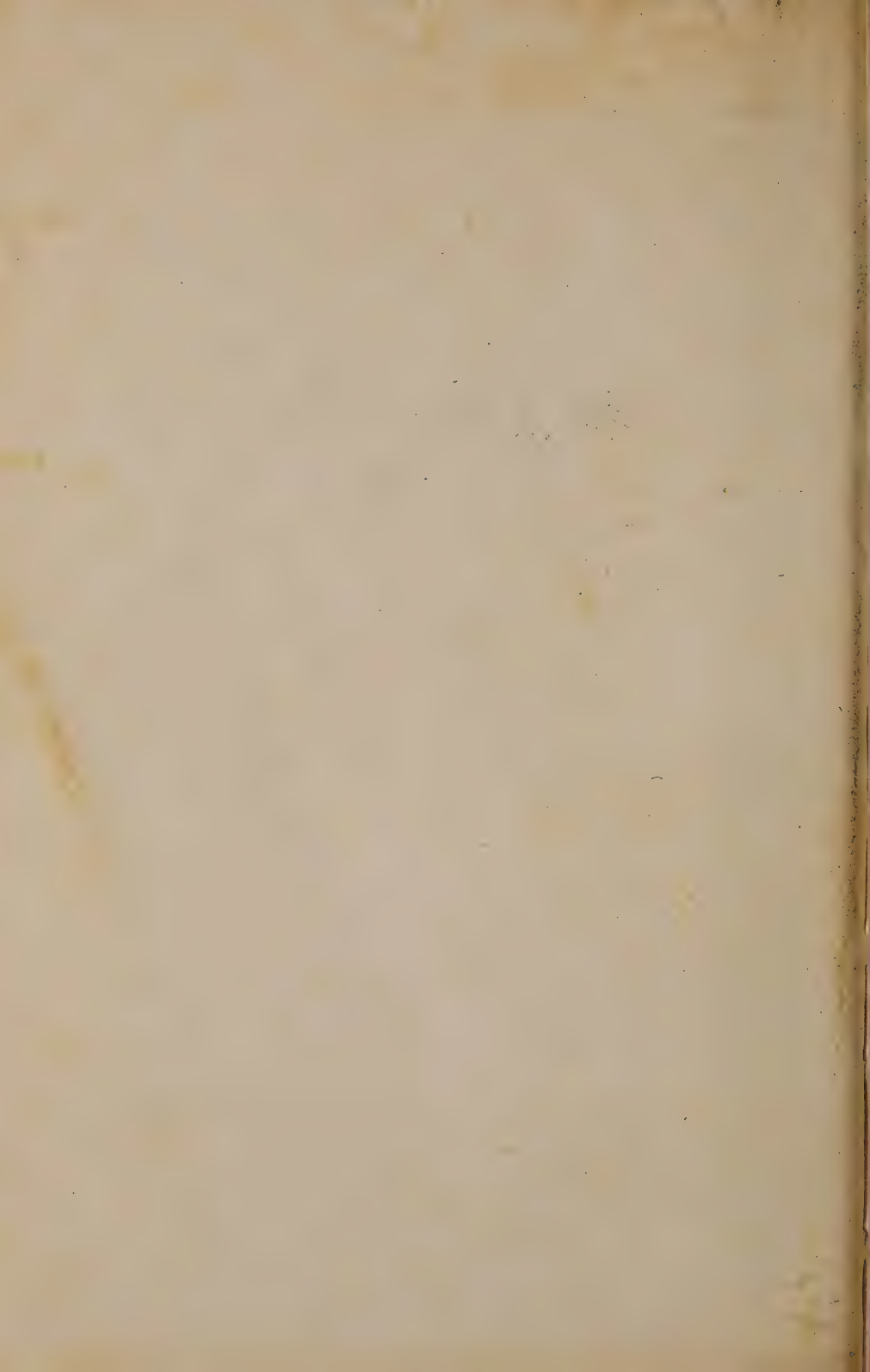


















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